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Eight detained: Jasser Al Jasser files nomination

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KUWAIT, May 9: Securitymen yesterday dispersed a crowd of people who tried to stage an unauthorised rally in Al Rawdha suburb at the diwaniya of one of the area's citizens, an Interior Ministry statement said last night.

The owner of the diwaniya, Abdul Mohsen Farhan Al Farhan and Dr Ahmed Al Khatib, a former parliament member, has been arrested for refusing to heed warnings by security officials not to address the illegal gathering, the slatement said. Six other people were also arrested for trying to resist securitymen and prevent them

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SRINAGAR, May 9. (Agencies):

Seven civilians were killed and to injured today in street battles in the

northern city of Stinggar between indian security lonces and Muslim militaris, police and hospital sources

Militants threw grenades in a hold mid-day attack, injuring two paramilitary police in sandbagged bunkers in the city's Lal Chowk market, police said.

Hospital sources and witnesses said five civilians were shot dead on one street when police opened fire. Police said another two civilians died

The sudden burst in violence

prompted authorities, to cancel a scheduled 10-hour curfew relaxation at 12:30 pm and order the city's 800,000 residents confined to their

The decision caught rendents by surprise and many were forced to return home on loot from work-

public transportation: _____ Srinagar is summer capital of India's Jammu and Kashmir state;

where the Muslim militants are seck

ing independence or merger with

The hospital sources and witnesses

said the five people were gunned down in Lai Chowk when police

opened fire on crowds after the grea-

killed were caught in crossfire when militants attacked a troop convoy

with sniper fire in the adjacent Magh-

attack on the convov and that troops appeared to fire at random on

wdsafter the grenade attack in the

Shops were abandoned and cloth-

ing and sandals from the dead and

wounded were strewn in the streets.

Five of the 16 injured were in critical condition, bospital sources

Witnesses said paramilitary police beat passers-by with rifle butts before cordoning off the area and arresting

A spokesman for the Jammo and

one of about 40 groups fighting for independence in the Muslim-

majority state, told Reuters militants

were responsible only for the grenade

security force patrols in Habakadal, Hazrat Bai, Nowhata and Naupura.

police said.

attacks, police said.

capital in Jammu.

Militants also staged attacks on

The entire city was covered by the curfew reimposition. Security forces cordoned off Lai Chowk, Manganmal Bagh and several other localities and launched house-to-house sear-

ches for the militants who staged the

three open places in Srinagar today.

It was not immediately clear if there

were any casualties in these incidents.

city on Monday with a strike in

protest at the transfer there of the

state government from its winter

Saudis to have

stock exchange

RIYADH, May 9, (AP): A high-ran-

king Saudi Arabian finance official

was quoted today as saying the king-

dom will open its first regular Stock

Ahmed Al Mahk, deputy gover-

nor of the Saudi Monetary Agency, which acts as a central bank, told the

newspaper Okaz that the bourse will

Malik made the statement after a

meeting of Sama branch managers in

the city of Tobuk, north of the capital Riyadh, Okaz said.

The oil-rich kingdom until now

hat allowed stock trading through special financial houses. Mahk said the future of these bouses has not

been determined, but that they would

be allowed to continue operations if

decayed necessary.

go into operation May 24.

Exchange later this month.

Militaris virtually shut down the

Police said militants opened fire in

ir Students Liberation Front,

500 people in the main market.

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Lai Chowk market.

Police said the other two civilians

esses said they did not see the

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from doing their job to end the meeting, the statement added.

The Interior Ministry said the eight detainees were referred to investigation as a prelude to send them to general prosecution.

The ministry reaffirmed that it will always work for maintaining law and order and

reminded the people of its earlier stalements calling on them to respect regulations which ban unauthorised public meetings. A Kuwaiti official said legal steps would be taken against the eight.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah had warned against using the halls for political railies ahead of the National Council elections



was wrong: Jasser Hectic

JASSER Khaled Al Jasser running from Rawda believes in preserving

MC LIN Jasser who was once a member ofthe 32 group stressed that this council

a transitional period for the National Assembly. "I felt I was wrong in stirring matters. To confess one's mistake is a virtue." He said that he was advised by the

32 group members not to register but after the Ammi speech things changed. "The concept of the 32 group is not correct and I oppose the illegal gatherings they called for, because our conotry's unity should be regarded as an ultimate

Jasser hoped that members of 32 group registered. "I wished that a member like Dr Ahmed At Khateeb registered for elections. Although he is a good friend of mine but I am against his believes and gatherings. Jasser rejects "filling the minds of vouths with ideas which are alien to the Kuwaiti society and its tradi-

Talking about minuses of the Parliament experience, Jasser said that "strange attitudes of some members, interferring in other countries' policies which is absolutely rejec-ted."

'Prove loyalty' efforts

sam Abdullah Al Reimi of Da'ya said that the Interim National Council is a transitional

period for the National Assembly.

He believes the participation of citizens in the National Council is one way of serving Kuwait.
"The registration of candidates reflects their patriotic feelings." He said that this council will review the min-

uses of the parliament experience and "preserve the constitution." Roumi who is against the illegal gatherings said that "such gatherings are against our coun-

try's unity. He called on all candidates not to pay atten-

tion to remours and to go shead to prove their

loyalty to their country.

As a young Kuwaiti, Roumi supports introducing a new Kuwaiti generation, full of objective ideas to this experience.

He described the wise Amiri speech as "pouring water on fire." "t discussed the matter (Interim National Council) with the 32 to run for the elections, because HH the Amir is a father to all Kuwaitis and is respected by the international community for his wise policy and love

Al Roumi

for his country. I advised them to hridge the gap. So I decided to con-test the election because of the HH the Amir frankness and clear

The main aims of his campaign will be protecting the internal front and

preserving the constitution, he said.

Newswatch

Passive smoking effects: Federal officials plan tu declare second-haod cigarette smoke a known carcinogen and will publish information on lung cancer cases caused by "passive smoking," a newspaper reported yesterday.

A draft Environmental Protection Agency study

concludes that smoking eauses more than 3,000 cases of lung cancer among non-smokers each year, according to unidentified EPA sources quoted by the Los Angeles Times newspaper. (AP)

Iraq shows signs of inclination: Iranian President Akbar Hasbemi-Rafsanjani said today Iraq had shown signs recently of an inclination toward establishing a lasting peace with Iran, but Tehrao still did not have confidence in Baghdad's

Rafsanjani, who was speaking at a ceremony for a visiting Chinese delegation in Tehran, was apparently referring to a letter received in Tebran last week from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. (UPI)

Morocco releases demonstrators: staging their biggest ever demonstration in Rabat seem to have been released as Morocco moved to counter charges of burnan rights abuses, lawyers said

King Hassan annnunced the human rights moves six bours after eyewitnesses estimated 2,000 protesters were beaten up near Rabat's main square yesterday by men in civilian clothes armed with clubs and uniformed paramilitary police. (Reuter)



The Princess of Wales pets one of the horses of the Csikos yesterday. The Csikos ara traditional Hun-garian horsemen who hard horses. The royal couple enjoyed a display of their horsemanship. (Reuter wirephoto)

Iranian pact with US: Iran said yesterday it had reached agreement with the United States on a number of financial disputes dating from the Islamic revolutioo in 1979. (Reuter)

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"Despite previous warnings by the Interior Ministry against using the diwaniyas for ooo-traditional pur-poses, some citizens still exploit diwaniyas to call for and convenrallies to violation of the law," the official statement said. Supersonic airliner

"Accordingly, securitymen were obliged to apply the law and disperse an illegal rally last night in the Rawdha neighbourhood after the owner failed to respond to the securitymen's order to disperse the meeting," it

Farhan, Khatib, who was addressing the meeting, and six others were arrested when they tried to impede securitymen carrying out their duty," added the statement.

A record number of candidates who registered for the elections was 567 breaking the records since 1981. Among them were 13 ex-members of the National Assembly of the 1985

A total of KD 29,150 registration fees was collected since the first day of registration.

Jasser Al Jasser a member of the 32 group was among hopefuls who submitted their papers yesterday. The Registration Department will

start from tomorrow preparing for the election venues and committees. (Continued on Page 11)

BAGHDAD, May 9, (Agencies): President Saddam Hussein today conferred with two high-runking Egyptian envoys in an apparent effort to end a deadlock over the coovening of a special Arab summit in Baghdad later this month.

Officials said Saddam received a letter from President Hosni Mubarak delivered by Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid and Osama Al Baz, chief of Mubarak's office.

They refused to disclose any information about the contents of the letter. But they confirmed it dealt with efforts to convene the summit proposed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation to discuss the widescale influx of Soviet Jews into Israel and what Arabs see as threats to their

national security.

Sources close to the Egyptian envoys said Mubarak is not pressuring Saddam to accept a different venue, but trying to convince him to hold more consultations among Arah countries prior to the summit.

Iraqi officials speaking on condition of not being named said Iraq sees no need to change the venue just because Syria's bitter rivalry with traq made Assad refuse to attend a

Baghdad meetiog. Mubarak said today Egypt supported calls for an emergency Arab summit despite differences over the proposed venue, the Iraqi capital.

There might be some difficulties. But we are for the summit any way," Mubarak told reporters accompany-ing Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah

"We hope the summit will convene and that the Arabs will be together so that we keep a good appearance in front of the world," he added.

Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi is seeking a compromise meeting place for Arab leaders to outflank Syrian hostility to Iraq, official sources in Amman said. High-level envoys have been circling through Arab capitals in efforts

Saudi Arabia agreed today to attend an extraordinary Arab sum-mit conference to be held in Baghdad later this month, Arab League sour-

to arrange an emergency summit.

Aoun blocks ports

Fierce fighting

in East Beirut

BEIRUT, May 9, (Agencies): Big black clouds appeared over the war-battered East Beirut today as foe forces, embroited in a bloody power struggle in the Christan en fisht. engaged in rocket and cannon fight-ing for the third consecutive day today killing six people and burning On the political front, President

factors and environmental protection.

Elias Hirawi travelled to neighbouring Syria and held immediate talks with his counterpart Hafez Al Assad on the worsening Lebanese situation, local radio stations reported. Witnesses and police said large

palls of black smoke rose ioto the skies over East Beirut as forces of Gen. Michel Aoun and militia chief Samir Geagea fought fiercely from midday until sundown, when the violence started to ease of L

During the exchanges, hundreds of shells crashed onto deserted streets and into apartment buildings, hitting many bouses and cars, setting them

The militia-operated Voice of Lebanon radio station broade appeals on fire brigades to put out the fires, but the firemen failed to act immediately because of the intensity of the seven-bour battle.

The rivals' gunners, while hitting many civilian targets, concentrated the bombardment on each other's

headquarters, police said.
They said many shells roared in the direction of the militia command in the waterfront area of Karantina and

Aoun's headquarters in the district of Baabda, 5 miles southeast of Beirur. Police said six people were killed and 20 were wounded. Among the dead was a three-member family,

British Aerospace and Aerospalials of France said yesterday they will conduct a five-year study to decide whether to develop a new supersonic airliner to replace their jointly produced Concorde.

That innal decision on whether to proceed with a \$10 billion production programme would be made in 1995, Aerospatiale president Henri Martre told a news conference.

He said the leasibility study would cost about \$34 million and would locus on such issues as market potential, technical

Martre said the British and French companies would welcome co-operation with other industrial powers, including the United States, Soviet Union, West Germany and Japan. Picture shows the supersonic 'Super-Concorde' that could fly from Western Europe to Tokyo in around five hours. (Reuter wirephoto)

they said. The radio stations of the antagonist forces broadcast charges saying the fires that raged across the densely-populated area were triggered by phosphorus bombs.

Amid the rumbling blasts, the Voice of Lebanon contacted Geagea and asked him whether be foresaw a near end to the indiscriminate violence that has forced thousands of unilies to reside in underground 'I don't know when this crisis will

end," Geagea said. "But I know that Aoun is the biggest obstacle on the way of the peace process."

Geagea reiterated his call on the general to step down and deliver Agun shelled sea outlets con-

trolled by Geagea today and declared the coast of the Christian enclave off

limits to shipping. A police spokesman said Aoun's Howitzer batteries, deployed in the

Meta mountains northeast of Beirut, were shelling almost all the enclave's 28-mile (45-kilometre) coastline to block Geagea's supply lines.

The spokesman, said Geagea's men responded with salvoes from multi-barrelled rocket launchers against Aoun-beld terrain.
"The whole enclave is on fire. It is a

war of destruction. No ground offensives are underway," the police spok-

esman said.

Aoun's command, in a communique released early in the day, cautioned local and international maritime agencies against serving

Sobbing Imelda delays racketeering trial again

Prosecution displays fraud chart

NEW YORK, May 9, (UPI): Listening to testimony about her daughter released a flood of tears from former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos and forced an early recess of her racketeering trial. The 60-year-old Mrs Marcos,

ed as usual in black and wearing a blood-pressure monitor, was sobbing yesterday as she was helped from the third-floor courtroom in Benjamin Cassiday III, one of her lawyers, said she fell ill.

Courthouse sources said her illness was "the same as before," referring to April 26 when a crying episode sent

her blood pressure soaring, forcing her to be escorted from the court-Wearing a sad face and dark glasses, Mrs Marcos emerged from a

first-floor nurse's office on the arms of two US marshals, and told reportArs she felt OK. She then walked slowly out of the building. Imelda is charged with racketeering, conspiracy, fraud and obstruc-tion of justice for allegedly plotting with her husband, the late Philippine President Ferdioand Marcos, to divert more than \$200 million from the Philippine treasury for personal

Mrs Marcos's co-defendant, former Saudi arms dealers Adnan Khashoggi, is charged with obstructing justice and fraud.

Imelda began crying as FBI agent James Trimbach was discussing withdrawals her daughter, tmee, made from a secret account that was linked by previous testimony to her

US district judge John Keenan excused the jury, explaining that Mrs Marcos was ill and that the trial would continue next morning.

Earlier, the prosecution set up a buge, eight-colour chart that it said shows bow millions of dollars in illicit funds flowed from around the world into a fortune in New York real estate and art.

Suspected Sikh militants bomb two buses in Punjab; four killed, 41 injured

AMRITSAR, May 9, (AP): Suspected Sikh militants bombed two buses at a city station today, killing four people and injuring 41 others in this Sikh holy city, police

Senior police superintendent Sanjeev Gupta said the first explosion occurred in a Punjab state transport company bus that was about to leave for state capital Chan-

One man and a woman, both unidentified, were killed instantly, he said. Other police officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said two more people died after being taken to the hospital. They said 26 people were injured. Gupta said 13 of the injured were in critical The bomb, hidden in a plastic basket, exploded while

passengers were rushing out of the packed bus after a police search party raised an alarm on seeing the bomb. Gupta said.

Five minutes later, another bomb planted in a bus few yards (metres) away blew up, injuring 15 passengers, Gupta Said. The second bomb also was hidden in a plastic basket, he said.

Bus station supervisor Dilip Siogh said the police, acting on intelligence reports, began searching for the bomb at 12.30 pm (0700 GMT), an hour before the blasts occurred. Runjit Singh, the driver of another bus, said he was parking his vehicle along the first bus when "I heard a loud

explosion and saw metal pieces flying in the air. Both buses caught fire after the explosions and were destroyed. Police were searching the debris.

The second bus was on its way to a Hindu shrine, 350 kms (220 miles) north of Amritsar in Jammu-Kashmir state, and was packed with Hindu pilgrims, he said.

Amritsar, the site of Sikhdom's holiest shrine, the Golden Temple, is also the stronghold of Sikh militants who have been fighting since 1982 for a separate nation they propose to carve out of Punjab.

Elsewhere in Punjab, Sikh extremists killed six people since last night. United News of India news agency said.

Shamir backs plan for migrants

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, May 9, (AP): Prime Minister Yitzbak Shamir said today he would back an emergency plan under which the government will spend an additional two billion shekels (\$1 billion) to absorb some 150,000 Jews expected

The extra spending is necessary because the oumbers of Soviets arriving has outgrown the estimates of Israel's budget planners.
The 1990 budget only carmarked

enough funds to absorb 40,000 Soviet Jews during the fiscal year ending in March 1991. Updated figures suggest 150,000 may arrive in this period. More thao 30,000 Soviet Jews have come to Israel since Jan 1.

The plan to be presented to the needs 3.8 billion shokels (\$1.9 billion) io fiscal 1990 to absorb the immigrants, said Finance Ministry spokesman Ali Yosef.

He refused to give the number of immigrants on which the ministry's calculations were based.

But former Deputy Finance Minister Yossi Beilin, who worked on the emergency spending plan, said it was based on 150,000 Soviet immigrants. Beilin left office, along with other ministers of the centre-left Labour Party when the party's coalition with the right-wing Likud Bloc collapsed March 15. Israel's current 1990 hudget ear-

marks 1.8 billion shekels (\$900 million) for immigrant absorption. leaving a gap of two billion shekels (SI billion) Yosef said. President Muharak leaves

tomorrow for official visits to the two giants of the communist world seeking economic benefits for Egypi as well as support on a cootentious issue inflaming the Arah world.

The issue is the flow of Soviet Jews to Israel. Arabs fear they will settle in occupied land to the detriment of the Palestinian inhabitants. Foreign Ministry officials said it will be the top item in Mubarak's

talks with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev during his three-day visit to the Soviet Union.

DAY BY DAY

SOME GCC states bave accepted the GCC decisions related to ownership of property, but bave introduced very difficult condilions - some of which supercede those existing previously and could lead one lo surmise that they do no! want other GCC citizens to own property in their countries. Ownership of property is

easily facilitated for all nationalities in other countries, provided they have the money to pay. I really cannol comprehend

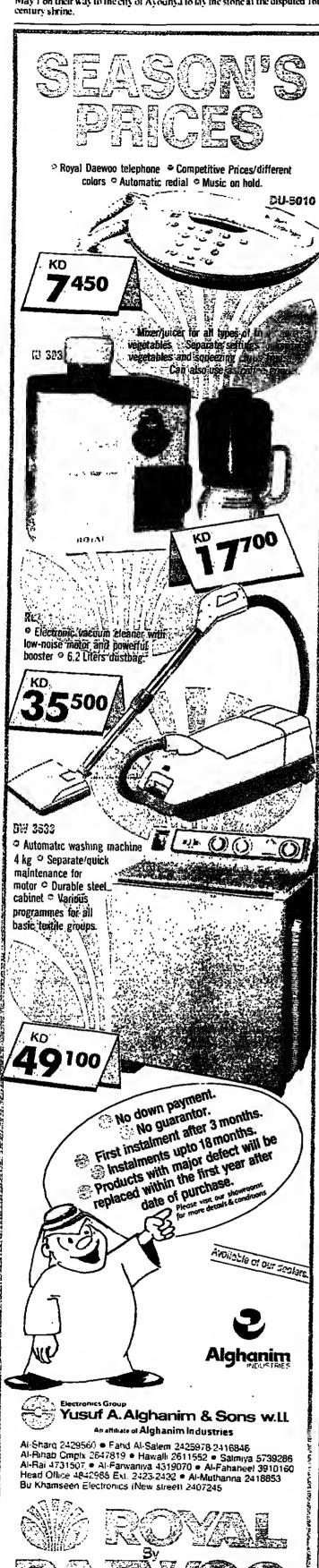
why it is difficult to do so in some GCC states. Should we purchase property in other countries and leave the GCC states with whom we are bonded within the GCC framework? May God have mercy on us all.

Zahed Matar

Jailed Hindu priest freed

NEW DELHI, May 9, (Reuter): A senior Hindu priest arrested while on his way to lay the foundation stone of a temple at a north Indian religious site claimed by both Hindus and Muslims was released today, local news agencies reported.

The Shankaracharya of Dwarka Peeth and several followers were arrested on May I on their way to the city of Ayodhya to lay the stone at the disputed 16th-



Storms leave 11 dead in India

MADRAS, India, May 9, (AP): A cyclone, with winds of op to 250 kilometres (155 miles) per hour, ripped into the coast of southern India this evening, killing at least 11 people as it knocked down houses, walls and electrical wires.

electrical wires.
The centres of the storm passed onto the Indian mainland from the Bay of Bengal at 6:30 pm (1300 GMT), 260 kilumerres (160 miles) north of Madras, the United News of India reported. High winds and towering waves uprooted trees and knocked down hundreds of thatched buts, the

report said.
So far, the bulk of the damage has been concentrated up a small peninsula of land along the low-lying and heavily populated coast of the state of Andhra Pradesh.

Andra Pradesh.

Six people were killed when a wall collapsed in cast Godavari district, located on the peninsula. Three other people were electrocuted by wires knocked down by the wind. Another person died when a building collapsed, and a 60-year-old labourer died from the winds. exposure, the report said.

The deaths brought to 14 the number of people killed in the storm. Three people died in Madras yesterday from electrical shocks.

An Indian cargo ship, carrying 60 assengers, was trapped in the storm. passengers, was trapped to the storm, Indian news media reported. But the reports said the ship, Viswa Mohini, was not in any immediate danger. The government amounced a new

alert today and ordered fishermen and sailors not to go into the sea as the storm moved onto land. More than 150,000 people have

been evacuated from the coastal dis-tricts of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu state, said Arjuna Rao, a top relief ufficial in Andhra Pradesh's state capital, Hyderabad,

"God forbid, but if it bits with its present intensity, it will be a terrible

situation down here," Rao said, He was reached by telephone from Madras, capital of Tamil Nadu state which adjoins Andhra Pradesh. The Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu governments announced a new alert today and ordered army and navy

belicopters and boats to be used for rescue operations. Stare-run television and radio regularly broadcast "alert number 0," the maximum storm warning.

In Madras, electrical wires knocked down by rains and winds preceding the cyclone killed three peo-

Waves, 6 metres (20 feet) above normal, crashed against parts of the coast last night as the cyclone approx-



A group of Muslim protesters shoul anti-Pakistani slogans during a demonstration outside the Pakistan High ission in New Delhi yesterday. More than 50 people profested to highlight its view that Pakistan is supporting a Muslim uprising to the Indian ruled Kashmir. [Reuter wirephoto)

Airbus crash probe

Survivor testifies

NEW DELHI, May 9, [UPI]: A hostess who survived the crash of an Airbus A-320 passenger jet told a court today that the captain never complained about the quality of the aircraft, but said it required constant concentration to fly, the Press Trust of India

Sadhana Pawar was testifying in the southern city of Bangalore before a court of inquiry investigating the Feb 14 crash of the Indian Airlines A-320 outside the city in which 92 people died and 54 others were injured.

The captain, Satish Gopujkar, and his co-pilot, Cyril Fernandes, were among those killed in the disaster.

Pawar told the court that she had never heard Gopujkar make quality of the advance passenger plane, built by France-based Airbus Industrie, the Press Trust

However, the commander often said the planes required his complete, undivided concentration right from takeoff to landings. Pawar told the court headed by bigh court justice Shivshan-kar Bhat.

Pawar relived for the court the crash, which occurred as the plane was approaching the runway at Bangalore airport, describing the two terrifying skips across the ground it made before coming to rest.

She told the court that two explosions occurred after the aircraft stopped just short of the runway and she heard one passenger screaming that the plane was likely to explode.

In another development, a consumer protection group, consumers action group, petitioned the court to summon the chief pilot of France-based Aero-formation, the company that trained Gopujkar and his co-

The group also sought access to all of the records of the pilot training course, claiming the inspection was necessary to deter-mine the cause of the crasb.

Frostbitten crossings

Kashmiris pay price

MUZAFFARASAD. Pakistan, May 9. (Reuter): Sajiad holds up his left hand to show the stumps that remain of his fingers — the price he has paid for fleeing Indian-ruled Kashmir. He was so badly frosthitten cross-

ing the Himalayas that all his fingers on one hand had to be amputated. along with the thumb and one finger un the other. His feet are badly damaged.
Like thousands of young Kash-

min men and some women, he was ill-equipped when he fled across the snow-covered mountains to Pakistan's Azad (Freet Kashmir to escape atough Indian security crackdown at

Some come to Azad Kashmir in search of shelter. Others seek arms and training from militant groups fighting to drive India out of the twothirds of the Kashmir region it rules.

Many like Sajiad saffer frostbite erossing the high passes of the Pir Panjal range. Some have died of the cold or been caught by Indian army patrols along the ceasefire line that divides Kashmir.

Even though he is unlikely to take part again in the Muslim uprising against Indian rule in his homeland, 25-year-old Sajjad refuses to be photographed without a mask. He and four other frostbile victims

in a Muzaffarabad hospital ward said they had no regrets about leaving their homeland where more than 300 people have died this year.

"I am not sorry because in Kashmir it is very dangerous," Hilal Abmad Khan said, "I am going back to Indian Kashmir, I can still fight against India. I want freedom.

First he will have to learn to walk on a badly damaged foot and without a hig toe.

The 24-year-old graduate made the journey in February after being arrested three times for throwing stones at Indian forces in Srinagar, summer capital of India's Jamme and Kashmir state.

"I trekked for seven days without food and water, but I am a lucky man. I came here alive," he said. Of the 40 to 50 people in his group. five people died and 15 suffered frost-

"To slart with they used to bring the bodies. Now they leave them where they fall, said Dr Races frostbite or fractures from falling on the treacherous routes they take through the high mountains to avoid Indian patrols.

We have received at least 100 peo-

ple with frostbite. Among these at least 30 cases have had amputation of

one foot or both feet," he said. The young men mostly come from the hig rowns of the Kashmir valley. They have little knowledge of the mountains and inadequate clothing and boots to withstand winter weather at up to 4,300 metres (14,000

The worst cases arrive in a very bad state, with gangrene in frostbitten hand and feet. They are likely to stay in hospital for at least three months recovering from amputations and skin grafts.

Learning to cope with disability can take much lunger. Anwar said.
"If somebody has to learn to walk without toes it is a very keugthy process," he said.

With winter snows beginning to melt in the mountains the number of frosthite cases are beginning to drop, but officials fear many more Kashmiris will die in the peaks.

India says it has killed dozens of people in the past four months as they tried to infiltrate back into the Kashmir valley. Delhi has warned Pakistan to stem

involvement with the insurgency Officials in Muzaffarabad are try-

the flow if it wanted its denial of

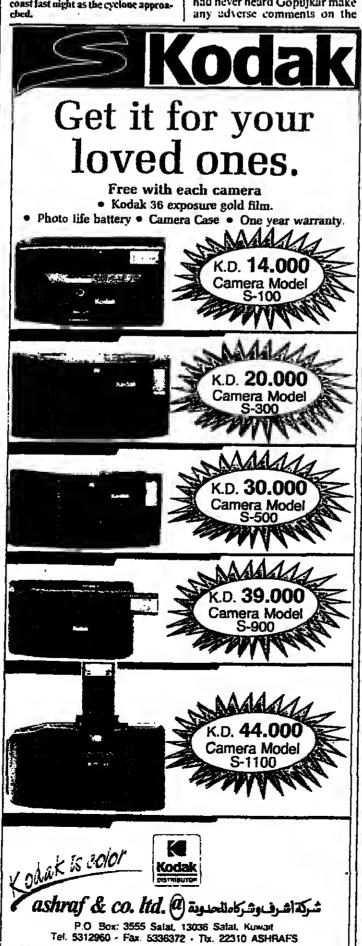
ing to tempt young Kashmiris into camps where they can be controlled but are finding it difficult. Most of the more than 4,000 young

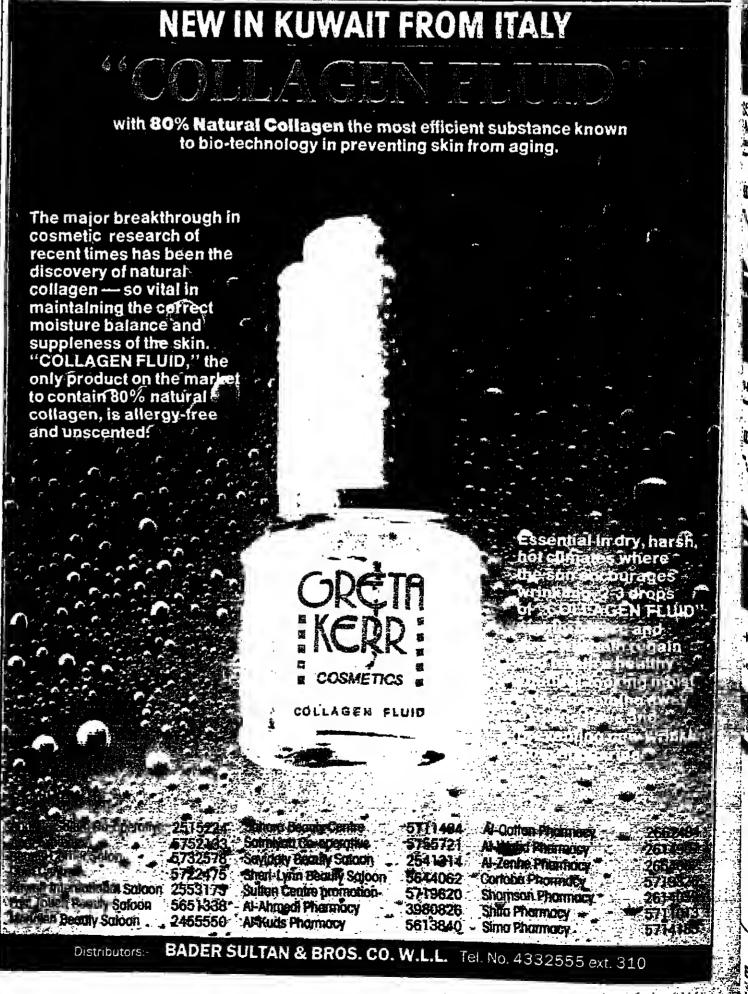
men in Muzaffarabad are living in houses and camps provided by the militant Kashmiri groups and religious parties. A few are getting basic arms train-

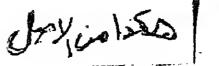
ing in Arad Kashnir from groups like the Tammu and Kashnir Libera-tiun Front, while others are sent to Afghanistan to be taught guerrilla warfare hy the Afghan mujahedeen. "We all want to go back and fight

for freedom," said 17-year-old Ish-liau, who says he was left for dead in the mountains by Judian soldiers. "I fell into a ravine," he said. "I

was semi-conscious and I saw two Indian soldiers. They threw me from the mountain and they thought I was dead hat luckily I survived."







Amte, Birch receive Templeton prize for religion

I.ONDON, May 9, (AP): An Indian lawyer and an Australian biologist yesterday received the 1990 Templeton prize for progress in religion, said to be the world's richest prize.

Boba Amie, a Hindu whose work fur the sick crosses India's religious divisions, and Professor Charles Birch, who has explored links between science and religious faith, sbared the 410,000-pound

15684,000) prize equally.

The award was made at Buckingham Palace by

Amte, 75, from Anandwan near Nagpur in central India, founded hospitals and centres for lepers, for blind children, the deaf and other handicapped of all India's religions.

He also founded centres for the Harijans, the lowest Hindu caste also known as untouchables. He was unable to attend the ceremony.

Birch, 72, a member of the Uniting Church of Australia, which is composed of Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, was at the palace

for the brief private ceremony.

He was accompanied by Sir John M. Templeton, the investment counsellor who founded and funds the annual prize. It was first awarded in 1973 to Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

The Templeton prize money is reviewed every year to keep it ahead of the Nobel prize, worth 200,000 pounds (\$334,000), said the Rev. Wilbert Forker, Templeton's press spokesman.

Amte's cheque was given to his son, Dr. Vikas Amte, a leprologist.

The prizewinning citation said he has "demonstrated the oneness of mankiod through his pioneer-

ing work. Vikas Amte. 42, said his father, who suffers from a spinal condition, now lives on the banks of the Narmada river in northern India among people whose homes are threatened by construction of a giant dam.

My father has not decided what he will do with the prize but in the past he has given two million rupees tabout \$100,000) in prizes awarded to him to causes

for saving the environment." Vikas Amte said. Vikas Amte said his father was not religious, but he believed in God and saw God in human beings.

"He has often said it isn't hard tu establish a relationship with God who is invisible and unknown but it's often very difficult to establish a relationship with your neighbour," Vikas Amte said.

The prize citation for Birth ealled him an "original thinker (who) uses modern discoveries in natural science to expand man's understanding of God as designer and creator of the universe and its

Birch, who has retired from the University of Sydney, said he will use his prize partly to fund an annual lecture there on human aspects of science and technology and for a Christian social ethics project in Geneva, Switzerland.

Tehran: most costly city

GENEVA, May 9, (AP): Tehran is the world's most expensive city in dollar terms, ahead of Tokyo and Gabon's capital, Libreville, according to a survey of 83 cities published yesterday.

Despite high levels of inflation. the continual decline of many currencies in Latin American countries has cosnred they remain financially attractive to expatriates. Quito, the capital of Ecuador, ranks as the cheapest city, according to the survey published by a private Genevabased research and consultancy organisation, corporate resour-

Toking New York as the base of 100 and using the dollar exchange rate of April 9, the survey showed Tehran has a costof-living index of 192. It said an overvalued currency was the main reason the Iranian capital proved so expensive.

By coutrast, the steady decline of the Japanese yen since the middle of last year helped bring down costs of living in Jopan in comparison with other countries,

It said Tokyo, frequently the most expensive city in previous international surveys, has a cost-of-living index of 150. Osaka stands at 133.

Libreville in West Africa has

au index of 143, it said.

The Norwegian capital Oslo, with an index of 135, ranks highest, among European cities and land, is rated at 130, it said.

It said the world's "barge locations" were in North and South America. Only Toronto, with an index of 101, is more expensive in dollar terms than New York. Other ratings included Chicago at 96, Washington DC, 95, Los Angeles, 94, and Cleveland 88.

It said Quito had an index of 40, the lowest of the cities surveyed.

The study was based on a basket of 151 products including food consumed at home, alcohol, tobaccn, cluthing, transport, sports and leisure, but not hous-

ing.
It is aimed at helping inter-national enumpanies determine cost-of-living differentials for their expatriate employees.

Of the world's 15 most expensive cities, seven were in Europe — Osln, Helsinki, Zurich, Gen-eva, Copenhagen, STockholm

and Paris.

Also dearer than New York were Brussels, Tel Aviv, Mndrid, Rome, and London. Other cities above New York, in order, were: Brnzzaville 138, Oslo 135, Osakn 133, Helsinki 130, Dakar 126, Abidjan t22, Geneva 121, Copenhagen t19, Stockholm 117, Taipei 116, Paris 111, Lyon 109, Brussels 109, Tel Aviv 107, Milan 107, Luxembourg t06, Duhkn t06, Barcefana 104, Madrid 104, London 103, Mun-ich 102, Lome 102, Toronto 101. Duesseldorf, Beijing and Lima were rated at t 00 points although fractionally above New York.

The survey said Latin America was cheap because of continuous decline in local currencies which tended to ocutrolise sonring inflation.

A little over 10 years ago, Buenos Aires was the world's most expensive city. Today it ranks among the cheapest at 56, with the Ecuadorean capital Quito bargaiu basement of the world with n score of only 40.

The survey described the Middie East and Africa as a world of extremes.

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Hope in Moscow

Bob Hope did his standup comedy routine in front of the world's biggest microphone — the heavily bugged US embassy in Moscow — for an appreciative audience

unaccustomed to live antertainment.
About 300 members of the American community sat on blankets on a grassy tield in the middle of the US embassy compound on a chilly Moscow evening Tuesday for the taping of a Hope road show.

Tha late-setting sun played havoc with the cameras and delayed the laping, and temperatures had dipped toward lreezing by the time hope sang 'Thanks for the memory.' The audience of embassy employees, their families. marines in dress unitorms and other Americans didn't

Hope, who turns 87 this month, is only in Moscow briefly as he lakes his troupe to various US installations across Europe. Wednesday, he was to view the World War II Vietory Day Parade in Red Square, visit tandmark Novodevichy cemetary and stop at the new Moscow McDonald's

Standing on a makeshift USO stage near the soon-to-be dismantled US embassy office building, Hope drew some ol his biggest applause with jokes about extensive Soviel electronic surveitance at the site — a sore subject because of the millions of dollars it will cost to tear down and build a new embassy building. (Reuter wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.: The 12 journalists selected as Nieman fellows at Harvard University this fall were announced Tuesday.
The American fellows in the 53rd

Nieman class are:

Jimm Amoss, 42, associate editor, the Times-Picayune in New

■ Betty Winston Baye, 44, assistant editor, Neighbourhoods, the courier-journal, Louisville, Kentucky. ■ John Carlsson, 41, reporter-lawa City bureau chief, the Des Moines

Register, lowa. Tim Giago, 55, publisher, The Lakota Times, Rapid City, South

Daknia.

Joel Greenberg, 34, Wesi Bank reporter, Jerusalem Post. Marcia Slacum Greene, 37, reporter, the Washington Post. Dale Mezzacappa, 39, education writer.
 Experimental Research States of the Philadelphia Inquirer.
 Kevin Noblet, 37, Sannago, Chile, bureau chief. The Associated

Ana Puga, 29, Latin American correspondent, Houston Chronicle.

Barbara Ross, 41, reporter, New York Daily News.

■ Charles Shepard, 35, investigative reporter, The Charlotte Observer, North Carolina.

Katherine Skiba, 33, reporter, The Milwaukee Journal.

RIO DE JANEIRO: Brazilian singer Elizeth Cardoso, one of the stars of the Bossa Nova age in the early 1960s, has died here at the age of 69.

Cardoso, nieknamed "The Divine" by Brazilians, died on Monday of stomach cancer. Obituaries paid tribute to her as one of the leading interpreters of Brazilian music.

Her eareer spanned half a century and she sang in the United States and other countries with the Limbo Trio. [Reuter]

NEW ORLEANS: Dr. Cartoll Dean Henry Behrhorst, a teacher at Tulane University who took medical care to poor, isolated Guatemalans, died Monday in Guatemala of an apparent heart

Behrhorst Clinic in Chimaltenango. Guatemala, moved his family to that mountain town of about 20,000 people in 1962 after hearing that doctors were needed.

Since 1982, be had taught nine months of each year at Tulane's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, where be was an adjunct assistant professor. His specialty was providing bealth care in underdeveloped countries. (AP)

NEW YORK: Perhaps no one has caten so well for so long as Craig

For three decades as food editor of the New York Times Clairborne had access to the best meals being served

access to the order around the glabe.

In Switzerland, as a student at the professional school of the Swiss professional school of the Swit Hotel Keepers Association. In China, Hong Kong and countless top restaurants in Europe. Even in his own kitchen on Long Island, where many great chefs came 10 him.

A turning point was a meal of couscous in Casablanca during World War tl. "I flipped. I went crazy about couscous," he said in an interview Tuesday at bis mid-Manhattan apartment as he peered eharacteristically over reading glasses. (AP)

Mugged

Nurse gulps precious ring

LONDON, May 9, (Reuter): A nurse attacked by a mugger swattowed her engagement ring rather than give it up in the southern English town of Milton Keynes.

The 22-year-old nurse, who was not named by police, was forced to band agree the police.

forced to hand over two gold rings and a watch but baulked when the man demanded her engagement ring late last night. "We would not recommend

people to swallow their jewellery. It could make their attacker very violent," said detective Sergeant Roger Turley, but added, "in this case he was just very surprised."

NEW YORK: Ohio voters cast out Congressman Donald "Buz" Lukens his long career shattered by his conviction on a sex offence, while North Carolinians boosted a black Democrat's bid to challenge conservative Republican Sen. Jesse

"Never argue with the voters,"
Lukens said finishing a distant third
in Tuesday's Republican primary,
which he entered over the objections of his party's leaders.
The loss, following his conviction

on charges of having sex with a 16-year-old girl, came after a congressional career that spanned nearly 25 years. (AP) NEW YORK: The accused

ringleader in a fatal attack gathered a white gang armed with bats because he believed blacks were coming into their neighbourbood to attack them, his attorney argued Tuesday.
"You might convict him of being

a jerk. He is a jerk," Stephen
Murphy, attorney for Keith
Mondello, said in his closing
statement. "But it's no crime to be a

Meanwhile, a separate jury deciding the fate of the accused triggerman Joseph Fama, resumed deliberating Tuesday. They asked to review several pieces of evidence, including photographs of the mostly white Bensonhurst neighbourhood of Brooklyn, a borough of New York City, and a phnto collage containing pictures of the defendants. (AP)

CONCORD, New Hampsbire: German photographer Lotte Jacobi, whose portraits of Albert Einstein, Mare Chagall and other celebrated figures brought ber fame in the 1930s, died here on Sunday after a bout with pneumonia, a family friend said.

Boro in west Prussia Jacobi studied photography and filmmaking and became the fourth. family photographer in as many

generations. She fled Nazi Germany in 1935 and found other German exile artists in New York City where she established a portrait studio and became the first woman to take phntngraphs on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

Her celebrated portraits of major figures in the arts and sciences include photographs of writer Thomas Mann, cellist Pablo Casals, poet Maryaume Moore and photographers Alfred Stieglitz and Paul Strand, as well as Einstein and Chagall. (Reuter)

Cannes fest today

Films from East, West and even Africa

One day, May 12, will be devoted to "Europe 90, cinema without borders" for meetings and discussions between film-makers from East and West, marking new freedoms

The presugious festival, which also serves as a vasi film market, is expected to draw up to 12,000 indus-try professionals, 3,000 journalists

French director Bertrand Blier and English screenwriter Christopher Hampton, who adapted "Les Liaisons Dangercuses" for the

The festival will open with an outof-competition showing of "Dreams," an autobiographical movic by the 80-year-old Japanese film master Akiro Kurosawa. It closes with another out-of-competi-

works failed to sell.

two to three years."

uon film, "Comfort of Strangers." by US director Paul Schrader

serious eontenders for the Golden Palm: Clint Eastwood's "White Hunter, Black Heart," David Lyn-ch's "Wild At Heart" and "Come See the Paradise," directed by Englishborn Alan Parker, an emotional story of a Japanese-American family interned in a camp during World

There will also be a special out-of-

Films by directors from Eastern eountties eelebrating newly-own freedom are expected to attract attention. These include "Przesluchanie" (the interrogation), by Polish director Ryszard Bugajski, "Ucho" (the ear) from Czechoslovakia, and an out-of-competition film from Yugoslavia, "Umetni Raj," (artificial paradise) by Karpo Godina.

The Soviet Union is competing with "Matj" (mother), directed by Gleb Panfilny, and a French-Soviet co-production of "Taxi Blues," directed by Pavel Lounguine.

Bonnaire and "Cyrano de Ber-gerac," starring Gerard Depardieu. Directed by Jean-Paul Rappeneau. "Cyrann" is already a box-office bit in France.

Also vying for the Golden Palm will he "New Wave," a Swiss-French co-production directed by the father of new-wave cinema. Jean-Lue Godard. whose avant-garde style was boro in the 1960s.

A Chinese-Japanese entry called "Ju Dou," directed by Chang Yimou and Yang Fengliang, deals with a irrubled marriage of the 1920s. The lone British entry is Ken Loaeb's "Hidden Agenda," a

documentary-style film about troubled Ireland. From Burkina Faso, Rasmane Ouedraogo is in competition with a film called "Tilai," about conficit

and love to ao African village. Clin1 Eastwood's "White Hunter, Black Heart, about a director obsessed with killing an elephant, is expected to nitract attention. Based on a story by Peter Viertel, it was allegedly inspired by John Huston and the

1952 filming of "African Queen." Federica Fellini's "La Voce Della Luna" [the voice of the moon] will be shown out-of-competition.

Beyond the main competition, the festival also offers an international selection of films chosen for varying personal viewpoints grouped under a category called "Un Certain Regard."

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PARIS, May 9, (AP): The 43rd Can-nes Film Festival opening tomorrow spotlights films from East, West and even Africa, offering a world view of the cinema that reflects rapidly chan-

ging events.

Movies from Eastern Europe, the Far East and Africa will be among the 19 films competing for the covered Gulden Palm Award during the 12 days of competition.

enjuyed by Eastern Europe's film industry.

and hordes of film buffs to the seaside Palais Des Festivals. Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci will preside over the jury of 10. which includes film luminaries like US aetress Anjelica Huston, French actress Fanny Ardant,

Sotheby's contemporary art expert Lucy Mitchell-Innes

said she thought the market remained "10bust," but said:

"It could not continue to go up as fast as it has over the last

Last year art watchers saw paintings such as Jasper Johns's "False Start" go for \$17 million and Willem de

Kooning's "loterchange" go for \$20.7 million, both sums

Three US films are expected to be

competition showing of "Cry Baby," starring Johnny Depp, Tracy Lord and Patty Hearst and directed by John Waters, the uncoventional director of "Hairspray."

Competing for France will be Bernard Tavernier's "Daddy Nostalgie," starring Jane Birkin and Dirk Bogarde, "La Captive du Desert," (desert captive) starring Sandrine

Art world bids goodbye to 5-year boom more than doubling the previous records for contem-

NEW YORK, Muy 9, (Reuler): Dozens of art works went unsold at Sotheby's auction house yesterday, justifying art At Sotheby's vesterday, 32 of 87 art works went unsold. market lears that the five-year boom is finally over. The contemporary art sale, which grossed \$55.9 million De Rooning's "Woman in Landscape," expected to fetch between nine million and \$13 million, managed to garner fur Sotheby's came on the heels of disappointing contemonly a \$4.5 milion bio and was withdrawn from sale. porary sale at Christie's on Monday night, when 26 of 77

> Another De Kooning, "Palisade" sold for \$7.15 million but still fell short of the auction house's pre-sale estimate of eight to \$10 million.

Mitchell-Innes said 10 artists records were set and 10 paintings sold for over \$1 million. But when the final gavel came down before the jammed gallery 32 works were unsold and 20 more went for less than their low estimates,



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on February 12, three days before the presidents of the United States, Bolivia, Colombia and Peru met in the resort of Cartagena for a one-

The missiles were to be used to attack Bush when he arrived at the

nearby Barranquilla airport, El Espectador said, quoting security

North's diaries raise queries

WASHINGTON, May 9, (AP): Oliver North met with then-Vice President George Bush a few hours after lying to a congressional committee about assisting the Nicaraguan Contras, an entry in the former White House aide's official diaries suggests.

Portions of the diaries, released yesterday, renew questions about whether Bush was more deeply involved in assisting the Contras than he has acknow-

ledged.

The 1,400 pages of notebook entries were obtained by a private group, the National Security Archive, as the result of a lawsuit filed against the govern-ment. US intelligence agencies still are reviewing the remaining 1,200 pages of North's diaries.

White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said, "the vice president's role in the Iran-Contra affair was completely examined in the congressional inquiry and we have nothing to

Disclosures

Among the disclosures in the newly released material: — On Dec. 20, 1985, North laid out a "3rd country solicitation plan" in support of the contras that included trips by Busb to Honduras for an inauguration there. The plan also called for then President Ronald Reagan to meet with Ecuador's president.

Bush went to Hondurasin January 1986 for the inauguration of President Jose Azcona Hoyo and Reagan met in Washington that month with Ecuadoran President Leon Febres Cordero.

There was an elaborate plan in the Reagan administration to induce third countries to support the Contras, according to evidence introduced at North's trial last year. Bush has denied being involved in any "quid pro arrengements providing additional economic and military aid to Honduras in exchange for allowing the Contras to use base camps there.

Lied

North's notes refer to a noon "meeting w V.P." on Aug. 6, 1986. That would have been just 3 1-2 hours after North lied to the house intelligence committee by denying he was supplying military advice to the Contras. North admitted be had lied when he took the witness stand at his own trial last year and when be testified in the recent trial of former National Security Adviser John Poindexter.

Shortly before meeting with Bush, according to North's diaries, the White House aide had a "meeting w Don Gregg." Busb's top national security aide.

Gregg, now the US ambassador to south Korea, has said be found out about North's involvement with the then-secret Contra resupply network on Aug. 8, 1986. Gregg asserts be didn't tell Bush about Nortb's involvement until four months later, after the Iran-Contra affair became public.

Congressman Lee Hamilton said he didn't believe Congress had seen the page referring to meeting with Bush and Gregg. "It clearly at the very least

would raise questions which ought to bave been put at the time to appropriate witnesses. Hamilton said of the Aug. 6 entries. "I would have if I had seen them."

The former bouse Iran-Contra committee chairman suggested that a congressional investigation might be in order.

Iran-Contra figure dies

WASHINGTON. May 9, (UPI): Conservative political fund-raiser Carl "Spitz" Channell, a former west Virginia motel operator who became the first person convicted in the Iran-Contra scandal, has died.

Channett, 44, died Monday at a Washington hospital, Jeff Barb, director of the Lohr funeral bome in Channell's hometown of Elkins, west Virginia, confirmed yesterday.

The cause of death was not immediately available, said an employee of the Washington coroner's office who declined to be identilied. The funeral was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, but final arrangements were peoding.

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Antiguans in Israel

Armsinvestigation

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 9, (Reuter): Antiguan officials investigating how Israel weapons sold to the Caribbean island's security forces reached a Colombian

drug baron bave questioned an Israeli who allegedly trained hitmen for the drug cartel.

The Antiguan delegation which arrived in Israel yesterday interviewed the shadowy Yair Klein who is under investigation in Israel for alleged military training of Colombian drug dealers.

Klein's Tel Aviv lawyer Yigal Shapiro confirmed the

meeting but Klein could not be reached for comment.
"He met with the delegation from Antigua for clarifications. They have no legal standing here," Shapiro told Reuters today. Klein earlier said some of the 500 Israeli-made assult

niles, machineguns and ammunition were desuined for Panamanian opposition forces he was to train in Antigua. The United States has voiced concern that Israeli weapons sold to Antigua in 1989 had turned up on the estate of drug tord Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, killed by Israeli officials handed the Antiguan delegation documents showing that the sale was made legally to the island's security forces.

They insisted that Israel did not know how the weapons ended up in Colombia and had received guarantees from Antigua that they would not be sold to a third party.

Official Israeli documents show the Antiguan govern-ment had appointed a US resident named Maurice Sarfati as its special envoy to conclude the arms deal, worth some \$220,000. Sarfaii is an Israeli citizen, Israeli newspapers

They said the weapons were shipped to Panamanian exiles who had links with Gacha and they sent the weapons

Shapiro said Klein intended to open a training school but the Antiguan government would not allow it. He said Klein knew Sarfati but denied they were business



Pope waves to youth

Pope John Paul II waves to thousands of Mexican youths prior to a mass on Tuesday. The Pope urged the crowd to oppose political corruption end drug trafficking. (Reuter wirephoto)

correspond to them as people are

United Nations officials say

more than 150,000 Guatemalans

and Salvadoreans living in Mexico

should be officially recognised as

refugees becouse they faced

political reprisals, including sum-mary death sentences for alleged

collaboration or sympathies with

leftist rebels, if they were to return

The Mexican government deports about 12,000 Central

Americans a month, according to a

While Mexico recognises 43,000 Guatemalans living in makeshift

settlements as refugees, it has den-ied 100,000 Salvadoreans the same

status, according to the official. Earlier in the day, John Paul met

Mexican diplomats after celebrat-

ing a mass for young people near a shrine at San Juan de los Lagos.

400 kilometres (250 miles) north-

There, be encouraged Mexico's

young people not to be dishear-tened by injustice and inequality

and to use Christ as a defence

He said loss of hope in today's

world was symbolised by pes-

simism, the artificial paradises in

which so many find refuge."
'Young people, don't lose hope,
you are the pilgrims of bope," the

More than 200,000 people

packed the sloes of a hill outside

San Juan for the mass. Many

waved flags in papal white and

yellow or in green, the town's colour, and interrupted the Pope

frequently with cheers and chants. Priests wore white robes and yellow baseball caps to ward off

The town was one of the centres of a guerrilla war waged in the

1920s hy Catholie conservatives

opposed to the government's tight

religious restrictions, and

memories of the conflict are still

west of Mexico City.

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Pontiff cried.

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Pope calls to help refugees

Ease Latam debt burden

MEXICO CITY, May 9, (Agencies): Pope John Paul II has called for international solidarity to ease Latin America's crushing debt burden and help tens of thousands of Central American refugees rehuild their lives.

"The mechanism that was to have served precisely to belp developing countries has become an impediment," the Pontiff said of Latin America's foreign debt of about \$400 billion.

In a speech to diplomats yesterday, the Pope said some foreign lending to the region and the heavy burden of debt servicing had only served to accentuate underdevelopment.

Apparently referring to the USproposed Brsdy Plan and other deht reduction initiatives, the Pope said: "Technical measures are not enough to solve the grave problems that threaten inter-

national stability."
It was the Pope's first comment
on problems faced by Latin American debtor countries since he arrived in Mexico on Sunday for

an eight-day visit.

He called for a new unity of the entire Latin American family of nations to confront the debt crisis and other difficulties on the path to

development. The Pope also spoke of the plight of Guaremalan and Salvadorean refugees who have

streamed into Mexico over the last decade to escape guerrilla wars and poverty.

Among them are children. women, widows, families that have often been divided, youths who have been frustrated in their aspirations, adults who have been uprooted from their jobs and deprived of all material possessions." he said.

In an apparent reference to the squalid living conditions and human rights abuses many Central Americans face in Mexico, the Pontiff urged the international community to help "guarantee that the inalienable rights that

US told: 'Stop screwing Cuba'

HAVANA, Mny 9, (Reuter): Cuban first Vice-President and Armed Forces Minister General Raud Castro yesterday criticised the United States for holding military man-neuvres around Cuha and told Washington to "stop screwing us

Holding up a photograph of a pos-ter bearing that message, Castro wrote above the picture: "In my friend Cheney," addressing it to US Secretary of Defence Richard

He said he considered addre the message to either President George Bush or Vice-President Dam Quayle but added "Bush is too high, Quayle is too low," before settling on Cheney.

Cheney.
Castro, the brother of Cuban President Fidel Castro, used a picture that appeared in the armed forture that are appeared in the armed forture that are also appeared ces newspaper bastion of a poster carried by May Day marchers in Havana last May 1.

The poster read: Yankee, stop serewing us around."

"We can say that this is a message from the Cuban people," Castro said, handing the newspaper to foreign reporters at army headquar-

He signed it with the initials C.R.,

for his full surname Castro Ruz and put yesterday's date. Castro was flanked by armed for-ces Chief of Staff General Ulises Rosales del Toro and the bead of Cuba's Army in Angola, General Leopoldo Cintras Fria. Earlier, General Urbelino Betan-

court, deputy armed forces chief of staff, had briefed reporters on three US military manocurres being held simultaneously in the Atlantic and the Caribbean which he said posed a direct threat to Caba. Washington has denied this, say-

ing the manoeuvres are routine and not aimed against the communist-ruled island. Betancourt said that last Saturday

US B-52 "Superfortress" bombers came within eight minutes flying time or 80 km (150 miles) from Havana in a simulated air strike.

Plot to kill Bush in Colombia was foiled

2 held for buying Stinger missiles in US

day anti-drug summit.

BOGOTA, May 9, (Agencies): Colombian police seized 10 Frenchmade missiles in February which drug traffickers planned to use to kill US President George Bush and President Virgilio Barco during a drug summit, newspapers reported yesterday.

The papers said attempts by two Colombians to buy sophisticated

missiles in the United States could be linked to the February plot. Two Colombians were arrested in Florida last Saturday and charged with trying to buy Stinger ground-to-air missiles.

El Espectador newspaper said Colombian police seized 10 French-made missiles, a grenade launcher and other weapons in a Bogota house

El Tiempo newspaper, in a similar account, seid the Medellin cocaine cartel, which has waged a nine-month-old war on the state, was behind the plot.

It said the missiles, which it did not identify, bad a normal range of between 500 and 1,000 metres (yards) but could be adapted for a longer range

Uproar Colombin informed US officials of the plot but did not announce it publicly because they did not want to cause an uproar which might lead Busb to cancel his visit, the newspapers

They said four Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agenst flew to Colombia on February 13 to find out about the plot. They brought equipment with them to help in the investigation, including lie-detectors used to question two detained suspects.

El Tiempo said the discovery almost led to the cancellation of Bush's visit. But Busb decided to go abead when Colombian security forces assured him the situation was under control. The summit, beld under intense security measures, passed with-out incident.

A Colombian arrested in Miami while trying to buy shoulder-fired Stinger missiles from undercover FBI agents allegedly participated in a 1986 massacre,

police said yesterday. Antonio Ramos Tinoco, 47 was arrested recently by the FBI, according to the New York Times and ABC news.

Tinoco was previously arrested in 1986 in Barranquilla along with four other persons, said Diva Rojas, a spokeswoman for Colombia's secret police.
Police accused the five susp-

ects of attacking a Honduran fishing hoat and murdering 13 fishermen on board, she said. Tinoco was released by a judge

on a technicality. He and another Colombian, Luis Fernando by the FBI after Irying to buy Stinger ground-to-air missiles. Arcila has no criminal record

in Colombia, Rojas told the Associated Press in a telephone interview. Rojas said that as early as last

February, Colombian authorities were aware of drug traffickers' plans to try to kill Barco with missiles. Meanwhile, a car bomb killed

one person when it exploded

early yesterday outside a government office building in the western Colombian city of Pereira, police said. An army communique said the rebels belonged to the country's

three main guerrilla groups the National Liberation Army, the People's Liberation Army and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. Bolivia: Bolivian President

Jamie Paz Zamora asked for additional US money yesterday so be could do more to wipe out cocaine, a Bolivian official said. The two nations also agreed to

sign a new trade and investment pact, a three-year \$60 million food aid programme, and a promise of US medical assistance to help Bolivia wipe out the insect-carried chagas disease, said Assistant Secretary of State Bernard Aronson.

Mexico: Shootouts between residents of a town in Michoacan state and anti-narcotics agents trying to make an arrest killed four people and wounded five others, authorities said. The mayor of Aguilillas, 225

miles (360 kms) west of Mexico City, was among 30 people arrested following the violence Saturday in the marijuana and opium poppy growing region, said Federico Fernandez Farina, penal director for the attorney



Hug for the president

Rafael Angel Calderon Jr saying he wes taking over a country "with an empty treasury," wes inaugurated Tuesday as the 10th democretically elected head of

Coste Rica since a 1948 revolution abolished the Army.
Calderon, who succeeded Nobel peace prize leureale Oscar Arias, met after the inauguration with other Central American presidents who agreed to hold regional economic summit June 15 in Antigua, Gualemala, that will also include. Penema and Belize. "We hope to prepere a joint theme for economic development. We are

consolidating our politics to have e new power as a bloc to compete with Europe, Asia and the United States," Calderon said at a news conference, his In his inauguration speech, Calderon faulted Arias for his economic perfor-

Outcome President Arias handed Calderon the sash of office shortly after noon (1800 GMT), ending a lour-year lerm which had been devoted lergely to

peacemaking in conffici-lorn Central America. Fireworks boomed across San Jose and balloons in the national red white and blue colours lilled the sky over the capital's soccer stadium.

In the picture Rafeel Calderon (right) is hugged by outgoing Coste Rican President Oscar Arias efter being sworn in as the nations president in San Jose. (Reuter wrephoto)

Who'll become drug user

Benaviourai clues useful

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9, (AP): Teenagers provide behavioural clues in early childhood that they il become drug users, researchers say.

A study by two University of California, Berkeley psychologists also concludes that adolescents who experiment with drugs tend to be better

concludes that adolescents who experiment with drugs lend to be better adjusted than abstainers or abusers.

Those findings by Jonathan Shedley and Jack Block might fly in the face of the "just say no" enti-drug campaign. But their peers agreed yesterday that casual drug experimentation often is part of having a healthy personality and doesn't always lead to addiction.

"This may be hard for some people to take, but the real issue is knowing when to put the brakes on," said Shirley Feldman of Stanford University's centre for study of family, children and youth. "There's a whole hig world out there and, psychologically speaking, experimentation is healthy in most youths."

Shedler, perhaps nervous about the study being misinterpreted, said his findings don't advocate illegal drug experimentation.

In the study, the researchers followed 101 San Francisco youths for 15 years. It started when the children were aged 3. A follow-up study is continuing and the subjects are now 23 years old

"These findings absolutely do not mean drug experimentation is something that is beneficial," Shedler said. "But it does mean that some limited drug experimentation may not be catastrophic. It could be a sign in the drug experimentation may not be catastrophic. It could be a sign in the drug experimentation may not be catastrophic. It could be a sign in the drug experimentation is something that is drug experimentation in the drug experimentation is something that is drug experimentation in the drug experimentation is something that is drug experimentation is something that is beneficial, "Shedler said." of trouble to come or simply a sign of normal adolescent exploration. Psychologists, including Shedler, said a more effective anti-drug effort would identify children who bave traits that signal possible drug

problems later in life, and then counsel those youths.

According to the study, published in the May issue of American Psychologists, drug abuse is a symptom of deep-seated psychological problems originating inearly childhood and is exacerbated by indifferent At age 18, frequent drug users were alienated, deficient in impulse

control and distressed compared with experimenters, the study said. Abstainers at that age were auxious, emotionally constricted and lacking m social skills compared with experimenters.

Those same psychological and behavioural traits were reported when

the children were studied at ages 5, 7 and 11, according to the continuing "Additionally, both frequent users and abstainers were judged to have

received poorer maternal parenting than experimenters," the study said.

The mothers of frequent drug users and abstainers were "perceived to be cold, critical, pressuring and unresponsive to their ebildren's needs," the researchers said. The study equated drug use among adolescents to alcohol use in adults, saying experimentation and moderation are the most normal

behaviour.

■ The drug problem is so severe in one section of the west side of Chicago that a majority of residents say they wouldn't mind the military patrolling their streets to combat it, the area's alderman said Tuesday. Alderman Ed Smith said a door-to-door survey - conducted by his staff over a three-week period — showed residents are "98 per cent" in favour of having the US military assist Chicago potice in the war on

Witch hunt victims

Exhume bodies

DURBAN, May 9, (Reuter): South African potice said today they had exhumed the mutilated bodies of four women believed to have been sentenced to death by an informat black "people's court" for witcheraft.

Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said the women, aged between 50 and 77, died in

April in Natal. He quoted a source as saying families were told to bury them without telling police. The province has been the scene of some of the bitterest fighting in a long-

running struggle between supporters of the conservative, tribally-based Zulu linkatha Movement and the lettist United Democratic Front (UDF). A local headmaster said youths saying they belunged to the UDF had been targeting people who supplied muti, or traditional potions, to lakatha mem-

Amazon won't become museum

BRASILIA, May 9, (AP): Brazil will act to limit the destruction of its Amazon rain forest, but will had p not turn the rapidly shrinking jungle into a "museum," the country's top environmental official says.

and growth, but yes, we can make buman occupation compatible with the survival of the planet," Environment Secretary Jose Lutzenbergersaid ... at a news conference yesterday.

'The Amazon has already been touched and occupied. That is wby it can never be a reserve or a museum," said the noted 64- 25
year-old ecologist.
Lutzenberger onlined way to

stop slasb-and-burn devastation of the Amazon, where carbon dioxide produced by land-carbon ing fires is believed to add to the "greenhouse" effect warming the earth's surface. The fires also

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Brazil also needs to look 10 alternative sources of energy from the sun, wind and vegeta. tion, be said.
"The construction of dams is a

only ones who gain are the builders and the large investors," he

Itaipn Dam, built by Brazil and Paraguay on the Parana river Paraguay on the Paraua dividing the countries, and the Tucurui project in the Amazon

jungle.
Itaipu only produces at 60 per the lead cent of its capacity and we don't show what to do with so even know which much energy," Lutzenberger said. Tuccurui generates electricity for large aluminium factories that export minerals at low cost and the Amazon natives

said he opposed the idea of fining countries that polluted the environment because it would "condone the contamination."

Jay in 120

EL ALMENDRO. Nicaragua. May 9. (AP): Eighty Contras turned in old, rusty weapons yesterday on the first day of a rebel continue until June 10. UN officials said there are about 13,800 rebels in seven security zones set un throughout the country for the demobilisa-Commander Franklin. tion. El Almendro, a dozen wooden bornes in stood by holding onto their rifles. "All beginnings are difficult," said Jose Pallais, vice minister of security forces in the new government of President Violeta the banks of a small river, is the assembly point in security zone 5, which straddles Rio San Juan province and the South Atlantic autonomous region. UN officials said there were about 1,600 Contras in zone 5 but that Barrios de Chamorro. The scene at security zone No. 5 reflected the uncertainty among the rebels over the often-posiponed demobilisation.

The disarming was the first under an accord reached last week between

more were coming in from the surrounding countryside. "We did not have the ending we all wanted — to do away with the uncertainty that remains in all the nation," Israel Galeano, the top Contra commander, told the troops,

Only 80 Contra rebels turn in arms standing at attention under a broiling noon "But we will be strong as long as we remain united," said Galeano, known as

Galeano referred to President Chamorro's temporary retention of Gen. Humberto Ortega as commander-in-chief of Nicaragua's armed forces. Ortega was a high-ranking official of the Sandinista government that the Contras fought, his brother, Daniel, was president. The Contras had demanded that Gen.

Oriega and all other Sandinistas be

removed from the military. That demand

was not mentioned in the two-page accord

Eleven-year-old Contra rebel Julio Paz puts his thumb print to his demobilisation document on Tuesday, in the first step of a disarmament process at El Almendro, 140 miles southeast of Managua. Paz said he joined the Contras two years ago (Reuter wirepholo)

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Cardinal Tomas O Figichi, the Roman Catholic onmate of all treland, died after being taken ill on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, the Church has announ-

The Cardinal, who was head of the church in both the Republic of Ireland and Protestant-dominated Northern Ireland, died at a hospital at Toulouse, 95

miles (150 kms) from Lourdes, on Tuesday right.
Philippe Giovanni, director of the Ranguell Hospital at Toulouse, lold the Associated Press the Cardinal died of a cardiac arrest soon after being

He was flown by helicopter from Lourdes, a shrine where a peasant girl reported a vision of the Virgin Mary in 1858. Miraculous cures have been

Destroyer fire kills 1, hurts 12

Docked at Norfolk

NORFOLK, Virginia, May 9, (AP). The guided-missile des-troyer. USS Conyngham, damaged by a fire docked today at the Norfolk naval station.

One crewman was killed and 12 other sailors; including the No. 2 officer, were injured in the worst shipboard for since a six- about 8 am, about 2 1-2 hours nig of accidents prompted the navy to suspend operations for a

ber,
In another accident yesterday,
a propeller broke apart and
threw debris onto the deck of a navy hovercraft involved in a towing exercise at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, killing a crew-

The Conyngham docked at 2:30 am (0630 GMT), 21 hours after the fire crupted during routine operations about 100 miles (160 kilometres) southeast of Norfolk, said LL JG Karl Johnson, an Atlantic fleet spok-

Naval investigative service agents earlier were flown to the ship to help preserve evidence, said Cmdr. Dehorah Burnette, an Atlantic fleet spokeswoman.

old ship with a crew of 383 started in the No. I boiler room as the boiler was being fired up, and spread to the ship's hridge, said White House spokesman Marlin

The main fire was put out. after it started, but the crew continued to fight smaller fires. The immediately known:

More than 100 navy personnel were killed on duty during 1989, including 47 who died in a gun turret explosion aboard the battleship Iowa. From Oct 11 to Nov 22, 13 serious accidents occurred, four On Nov 14 alone.

Since the November safety check, fewer accidents have been reported, navy officials said, statistics although mmediately were available. In May 1987, the Conyugham

helped put out the fire on the USS Stark and tow it to port after it was hit by missiles from an Iraqi jet. Sixty Conyngham crew members were decorated for valour

Lava flows into Pacific

cattle and crops as the rain-swollen Arkansas River reached a record level, and the national guard was called in to shore up a levee weakened by the worst flooding in northern Texas in 80 years.

In Arkansas, farmers hogied calves for transport and residents sandbagged their homes as the Arkansas River yesterday hit a record 27.6 feet (8.4 metres)—four feet (more than a metre) above flood stage—at Little Rock. More than 300 feet little rock. families were forced from their home

In Texas, more than 1,600 people have sought shelter from flooding along the Trinity River. Governor Bill Clements authorised the National Guard to send 50 soldiers to shore up a weakening level on the Red River near Texarkana.

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resting at a record 27 feet (8 metres) above normal.

Thirteen deaths have been blamed on the weather in the past two weeks, one in

Oklahoma and the rest in Texas. ■ Lava flowed into the Pacific Ocean despite a shutdown of the enormous flow that has rolled over the coastal town of Kalapana, and state and county officials met to map out a strategy for relief and revitalisation.



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Humans are a vegetarian species: researcher

ITHACA, New York, May 9, (AP): A major dietary study suggests that humans are a vegetarian species whose risk of disease is increased by cating. meat and animal products, says a Cornell University researcher.

A plant-based diet is more likely to promote good health and reduce the risks of heart problems, cancer, diabeles, osteoporosis and other diseases. according to the preliminary findings of the continuing study in

"People who eat mostly plant foods and a generous variety of plant foods ... that is the kind of diet that is most likely to be associated with reduced risk of the kinds of disease that tend to kill us in this country," said T. Colin Campbell, a nutritional hiochemist who directed the continuing study.

Other dictary studies reached similar conclusions focusing on one aspect of a specific disease or on individual foods or nutrients. hut none has taken such an extensive look at "the total dietary pattern effect," said Campbell.

"Animal foods, in general, are not really helpful and we need to get away from enting them," he

Only in the last few thousand years have meat and animal products become staples of our diet. "That's not nearly enough time to evolve new mechanisms

Hedeal File

New Aids drug promising: The experimental drug dideoxyinosine, known as DDI, suppressed the Aids virus and increased the numbers of infection-fighting white blood cells in tests, two preliminary studies reported on Wednesday in New York.

But the drug also was associated with two toxie effects that could limit its long-term usefulness, the studies in the New England journal of medicine said.

The studies, known as phase one tests, only analysed the effect of varying dosages of the drug in 71 patients with Aids or Aids-related complex. They did not establish the long-term usefulness of the drug in lighting Aids.

Aids, the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syn-drome, attacks the body's immune system and has proved terminal in all cases. High risk groups in the United States are male homosexuals and drug addiets who share needles. The studies confirm u previous study reported last September on a group of 26 Aids patients treated with DDI. [Reuter]

Breast milk may inhibit Aids: US researchers said on Tuesday they had found a ehemical in human breast milk that may prevent

to give us protection from those kinds of foods," said Campbell, who is writing a book on the seientists from the Chinese academies of preventive medicine and of medical sciences reasons humans have turned into and the University of Oxford. Scientists surveyed 6,500

The study began in 1983 to explore dietary causes of cancer hut was expanded to include heart and metabolic diseases and a variety of infectious diseases. Aiding Cornell in the study are

the spread of Aids from an infected mother to her child during breast feeding. The as-yet unnamed chemical in breast milk was found, in the laboratory, to inhibit the Aids

virus from infecting human cells. The 33 breast milk samples analysed in the study came from women from Baltimore, Bos-Ion and Haiti, some of whom were infected with the Aids virus and some of whom were not.

A search for the same compound in eow's milk and human blood was unsuccessful, repor-ted Robert Yolken and Raphael Viscidi of Johns Hopkins University and David Newburg of Harvard Medical Schools. Studies show that infants born to Aids-infected mothers have a 20 to 50 per cent chance of

Oils and 'good' cholesterol: Ohve oils and similar products which have been touted for contributing to the level of 'good' cholesterol in the body appear to have no particular advantage over other types of oils, American researchers said on Tuesday in Chicago.

becoming infected. (Reuter)

Chinese, each of whom con-tributed 367 facts about their

diet. The preliminary findings

will be reported in a 900-page monograph to be published next

month hy Cornell University

Monounsaturated fats in olive oil and other products have been praised for maintaining the

level of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol in a reduced-fat diet. That type of cholesterol is believed to help protect against heart disease. Some studies have suggested that polyunsaturated lats in corn oil and other products have the unwanted side effect of producing good. have the unwanted side effect of reducing good cholesterol levels along with the bad.

Researchers at the Stanford University school of medicine in Palo Alto, California, said a study of 39 men and women in the San Fran-cisco area failed to find much difference in the types of fats. (Reuter)

Olive oil no better than corn oil: Olive oil may be no better for the heart than corn oil for people on low-fat diets, a new study

suggests.
"When someone is eating a reduced fat diet that's low in saturated fats, it doesn't matter what kind of unsaturated far they choose," said Darlene M. Dreon, a research scientist at Lawrence Berkeley laboratory in Berkely, California.

Previous research indicated that monounsaturated fats, found in olive oil and peanut oil, beneficially lower LDL eholesterol, so-called "had" cholesterol, without lowering HDL, so-

protein than Americans and that

only 7 per cent of their protein

comes from animal sources,.

compared with 70 per cent for

"The dietary guidelines that

have been formulated in the West

rather incorrectly protect our

intake of animal protein. Con-

sumption of animal protein itself

also raises the risk of cancer and

Polyunsaturates, such as in corn oil and saff-lower oil, also lower "bad" cholesterol, but they tend to lower "good" cholesterol as an unwan-ted additional effect, previous research has indicated. (AP)

Aids risk in second decade: Aids is changing in the United States from an epidemic that initially affected mainly homosexual men to one that is increasingly encompassing women and children, a leading government researcher

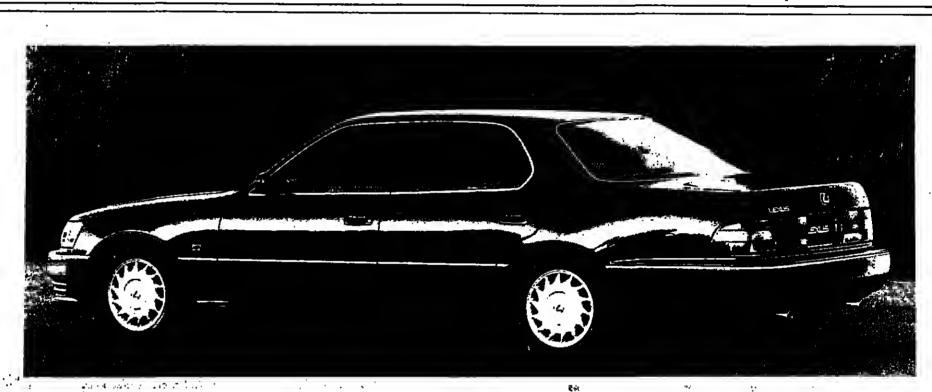
said on Tuesday.
"The epidemic is not at all under control," said Dr Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

He said that as the second decade of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome progressed, intravenous drug users, rapidly becoming the primary risk group for Aids, would spread the disease to their sex partners and their children.

Fauci, speaking at the annual meeting of the American college of obstetricians and gynecologists, said the number of new Aids cases among intravenous drug users in New York City had recently surpassed that homosexual men. [Reuter)

heart disease," he said.

Previous studies have urged reducing dietary fat to less than 30 per cent of an individual's daily calorie intake to curb the risk of heart disease and cancer. But the Chinese study suggests that fat should account for a maximum of 20 per cent - and preferably only 10 per cent to 15 per cent - of calories.



Campbell said there were

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regarding proteins, fat and

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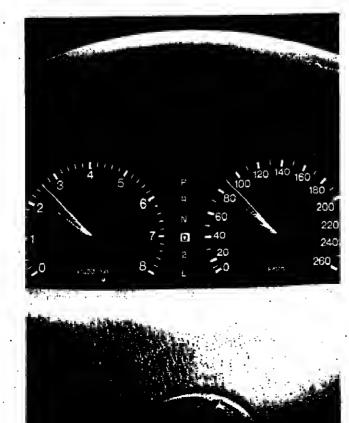
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Canadian deportees sedated forcibly

OTTAWA, May 9, (AP): Deportees from Caoada are sometimes forcibly sedated before being expelled to proteet other immigration minister said.

Any deportee leaving Canada by plane, train, bus or boat wbo might be disruptive oo the trip is liable to be drugged, Immigra-tion Minister Barbara MeDougall said Monday.
"In some cases we provide a

medical attendant for some people who are being deported. Should there be any sedation, that is done by the medical attendant," she told reporters.

She said under international agreements coocerning airlines. we have to make sure people's hehaviour on an aircraft is appropriate and there's no danger to other passeogers."
The practice is "not a violatioo

of anything as far as I can tell,"

But Steve Foster, a lawyer with the Jesuit refugee service in Toronto, said the government is abusing the rights of deportees by drugging them without con-

"We've got a charter of rights that say you cao't do this to people." Foster said in a telephone interview. "To administer drugs for a noo-medical reason is uoethical. To administer drugs without a patient's consent is unethical."

In the United States, the Immigratioo and Naturalisatioo Service does not, "as a matter of policy sedate deportable aliens," hut INS officers accompany "anyone that might be poten-nially violent or daogerous," spokesmao Duke Austin said in Washingon.

Black unrest

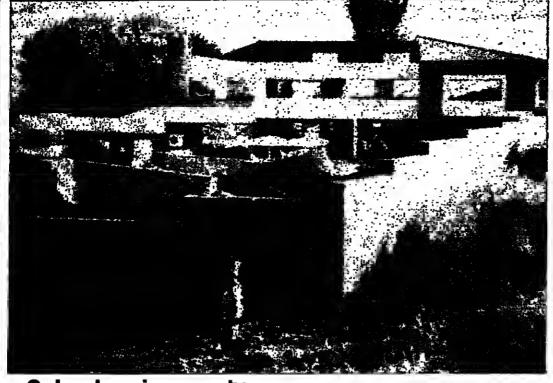
Seven killed

JOHANNESBURG, May 9, (Reuter): A woman witchdoctor died after a hlack gang forced her to drink her entire stock of medicine near Port Shepstone in South Africa's Natal province,

police said yesterday.

A police hulletin said seven other people were killed over the past 24 hours to violence sweepng across South Africa.

A woman travelling on a lux-ury bus died of a bullet wound in the chest after a shot was fired at the vehicle near Hilton in Natal. The munitated bodies of four women were found at a township near Port Edward in Natal.



Splendour in poverty

Nelson and Winnie Mandela heve moved into a 15-room mension (above) which rises in splendour over tha poverty

of Soweto township outside Johanneshurg.

Naighbours said on Tuesday the Mandeles moved severel days ago from a tiny "Matchbox" in Soweto's Orlando suburb which has been their home since the African National Congress (ANC) leader was released

Community leaders criticised Mandela's original decision to return to the humble residence he occupied before his detention in 1962, saying tha leader of the people should live in hetter surroundings.

and concrete mansion which Winnie had built while her husband was serving a 27-year jail term for plotting against white rule.

house which stands out as an Oasis of affluence in poverty-stricken and garbage-strewn Soweto, close to the nomes of other black leaders such as Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Welter Sisulu.

Winnie was criticised for building the house, widely dubbed "Winnie's tolly," while so many in Soweto were homeless or living in squalor.

She raised the money from royelties from her hook, "Part of My Soul," and from e trust fund formed by friends.

De Klerk

Europe's

major trip

PARIS, May 9, (AP): South African President F.W. de Klerk arrived

today on the first stop of an 18-day European four viewed by his govern-ment as a major step away from

decades of international isolation.

Buoyed by a breakthrough in black-white negotiations at home.

De Klerk plans to meet with

presidents and prime ministers in nine European countries — the most

extensive trip by a South African leader since the National Party took

He is to confer tomorrow with French President Francois Mit-

terrand, who shunned P.W. Botha -

De Klerk's predecessor — wheo Botha came to France to visit cometeries of South African soldiers

killed in the world wars. No senior French official was at Orly airport to greet De Klerk, who

was met by a Foreign Ministry

representative and a military honour

guard. De Klerk had no public events

scheduled for today, but was to bold

begins

Mandela tried to save activist

Murder trial

JOHANNESBURG, May 9, (AP): While Nelson Mandela was in prison, he sent a lawyer to his wife's house to remove three men who had been abducted there and beaten, e witness testified yesterday in a mur-

Mandela's wife, Winnie, has not been charged in the case, which went to trial last Wednesday, but two alleged victims who have testified so far have said she was the first to beat them, using a whip and fists. Then, according to their testimony, members of her bodyguard joined in.

James "Stompie" Seipei, a 14-year-old activist, was also abducted and beaten, the witnesses have said. His body was found, with stab wounds in the neck, in an open field

Jerry Richardson, one of Mrs Mandela's bodyguards who lived at her home in the black township of Soweto, is accused of murdering "Slompie." He also is charged with four counts of kidnapping, five counts of assault and one of attempcase. Eight other bodyguards are charged with lesser crimes and will be tried separately.

Barend Mono, 20, testified yester-day that after Richardson had taken Stompie away, the beatings stopped, hut he and two other men were kept at Mrs Mandela's home. Under eross-examination be repeated tes-timony that it was Mrs Mandela who had begun the beatings after they were abducted on Dec. 29, 1988 from a Methodist church home. Mrs. Mandela said last year she

was not at home when the alleged beatings took place, but she said the abductions were justified because the men were engaged in homosexual activity with a minister running the church home. The Methodist church says it has investigated and cleared

Mandela, deputy president of the African National Congress, has made no comment on the case since he was freed in February from his life prison term for sabotage and plotting the overthrow of the white govern-

a news conference next evening after meetings with Mitterrand and Premier Michel Rocard. He reportedly was to have lunch tomorrow with prominent business leaders from across France, which is South Africa's sixth largest trading partner despite its observance of limited European Community econ-

omic sanctions. "It is wonderful to go to Europe with the knowledge that South Africa is husy taking its rightful place in the international community," De Klerk said at an airport news con-

ference before his departure late last night. En route, he conferred hriefly with President Felix Houphouet-Boigny of the Ivory Coast during a refueling

stopover in the west African country. De Klerk said he was confident white extremists would not succeed in wrecking his reform plan to end

apartheid racial segregation.
"The bigger problem is uncer-tainty more than (white) extremists," De Klerk said in an interview on France's TF-1 television network, padcast ahead of his arrival in

The extremists exploit the atmosphere of uncertainty created hy reform to whip up emotions." De

But I have confidence also in my people that they will not be misled by the unreasonableness and hatred of this small group of extremists," he

"There is no question that things have moved so far that a completely new situation has been created here full of promise for peaceful change,"

He ruled out campaigning against anti-apartheid sanctions imposed by the European Community.

The trade embargo had slowed the rate of growth of the economy but we have succeeded in showing that

we have the power to handle sanc-

Students protest in Seoul

Firebomb thrown at US cultural centre

SEOUL, May 9, (AP): An estimated 10.000 studeots, burling rocks and firebombs, fought riot police in downtown Seoul today in the largest anti-government street protests io the capital in recent years.

Anti-government protests in other cities throughout the country also turned violent as students, calling for the overthrow of President Roh Tae-Woo, clashed with riot police.

The oational news agency, Yonhap, said today's protests, the largest

out in central Seoul as groups

About 2,000 riot police in the

area were outnumbered by columns of protesters surging

down main boulevards leading to the City Hall and other main

Angry demonstrators over-

powered at least two groups of

200 to 300 riot police and seized

their helmets, cluhs, shields and

other items. Some police were

About 3,000 students fought

pitched battles with riot police

near the US cultural centre io

downtown Seoul. Flames shot

out of a first-floor room at the

centre after students hurled

In front of hotel lotte, across

from the US cultural centre,

two police vehicles were on fire

and foreign tourists were

coughing in a dense fog of tear

"Down with Roh Tae-

Woo," students shouted as

they ran down the streets, wav-

Radical students and dis-

sidents had called for nation-

wide protests to demonstrate

their opposition to the formal

inauguration today of Roh's

new governing party, which they called "dictatorial aod

The ruling Democratic Liberal Party held its first

national convention today

after being formed early this

year from the merger of the old

governing party and two moderate opposition parties.

"Let's crush the DLP,"

many students shouted during

By nightfall, the demon-

strators in Seoul, many of them

armed with wooden sticks and

rocks, took control of several

commercial streets in the heart

of the capital. A huge plaza in

front of the City Hall was filled

with tear gas, rocks and broken

Observers believe that the

substation with firebombs.

In the central city of Chon-

gju, about 100 students torched

a police substation with

firebombs, Yonhap said. lo

nearby Taejon, students bur-

In the southern city of

Kwaogju, an opposition stroo-ghold, about 200 students

wrote "let's destroy the DLP

dictatorship" in hlood on a

huge placard during a campus

Violeot protests also were

reported io Suwon, Taegu.

Pusan, Chuoju, Cheju, Kongju

The natioo's 130,000 police

had been put oo iocreased alert because of the radicals vow to

stage anti-government protests

rally, the agency reported.

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this year, involved about 50,000 students on 80 college campuses in ar least 11 cities throughout the country.

At some campuses, students trying to march into the streets hurled rocks and firebombs at combat-clad not police, the agency said. The police, armed with shields and clubs, fired tear gas to block them, it said Police reported they bad made arrests and that there were injuries during the protests, but they gave no details.

Birendra

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ces said today.

KATHMANDU, May 9, (Reuter):

King Birendra, who promised to co-operate with Nepal's new govern-ment, is trying to cling to his old-powers, Nepali Congress Party sour-

"Nobody gives up powers just like that and the king is also resisting the change," a senior official in the." Nepali Congress Party of Prime Min-ister Krishna Prasad Bhattarai told

Bhattarai, sworn in three weeks

ago after pro-democracy protests, attacked the king's power base on Monday by sacking I 4 regional commissioners appointed by the palace.

The commissioners virtually ran

the Himalayan kingdom and were as 211-

After the sackings "palace officials rang up the home minister and said it was not a good step," said the Nepali (1922)

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with the government," one senior party member said.

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Accepting applause

South Korean President Roh Tae-woo (centre) and co-leaders of the ruling Oemocratic Liberal Party Kim Young-sam, (left) and Kim Jong-pil wave to epplause by supporters et a perty's national convention in Seoul yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Mujahedeen back uprising

Muslims revolt in China

BEIJING, May 9. (Reuter): A foreigner who spent months among Muslims in China's northwest fron tier region said today a recent armed revolt there against Chinese rule was backed by Afghan mujahedeen

guerrillas. China has said 22 people died when police crushed an apprising in the town of Baren last month in Xinjiang, a huge and sensitive region bordering Afghanistan, the Soviet Union, Pakistan and Mongolia.

The official Chinese media has accused Muslims of forming Islamic death squads to launch a "holy war" for independence from communist rule by Beijing. But details have been sketchy and most of the region is now effectively closed to foreigners. The foreigner, who speaks the

protests were the largest and local Turkie Uygur language and travelled extensively in areas near Baren a few days after the revolt, most serious since nation-wide anti-government demonstraquoted several people in the area as tions that forced former saying mujahedeen guerrillas had President Chun Dooh-Hwan supplied weapons from across the to carry out major democratic His account could not be indepen-dently confirmed but Western

Earlier in the day, police diplomats in Beijing said it was feasible and in many respects similar to China's own official version. arrested nine students who tried to march on the US The traveller said the weapons embassy in central Seoul. mainly guns, were intended for simultaneous uprisings in six oasis towns along the ancient Silk Road on shouting anti-government and anti-US slogans. Another band of studeots attacked a police

the 17th day of the Muslim Ramadan festival (April 13) --- The anniversary of an historic Islamic victory. The revolt was to be led by Abul

Kasim, described as an Islamie spiritual leader and commander-in-

Japan balloon crash-lands

KATHMANDU, May 9, (UPI): A Japanese expedition attempting the first hot

air balloon flight over Mount Everest crash-landed today on the mountain's Tibet side, injuring one of the three crew members in a fire and stranding them in

Officials of the Japanese emhassy in Beijing and Nepal's Ministry of Tourism said Chinese, Japanese and Nepalese authorities were trying to co-ordinate a

The expedition, sponsored by Japan's TBS television network, was to be the

first to balloon over Everest, the world's highest peak at 29,028 feet 18,848m). The mountain rises from the Himalayas on the Nepal-China border, with Tibet

on the Chinese side.

Prachanda Shrestha, an official of the Nepat Ministry of Tourism, said the

balloon took off from Tingri in Tibes, on the northern foot of Everest, around 7 am Kathmandu time (0100 GMT), and headed over Everesi for Nepal.

Shrestha said. "He therefore reported he was making an emergency landing."
The co-pilot, Sahuro Ichiyoshi, 44, suffered leg injuries when part of the

balloon caught fire during the landing, Japan's Kyodo news service reported.

The pilot, Michio Kanda, 41, and a cameraman, Atsushi Saito, 37, were

apparently uninjured. Shrestha said communications with the crew were sket-

chy because their hand-held radio transmissioos were weak.

"One hour after takeoff the pilot reported the winds were not strong enough,"

chief of an underground movement for an independent "Free East Turk-estan" in Xinjiang. He is believed to be in his 40's.

be in his 40's,
. "Everyone says Abul Kasim was
sent from Allab," said lbe traveller
who declined identification for fear
of reprisals by Chinese authorities.
Kasim's plot was exposed,
however, by a member of his rebel

band during a row with a horse dealer. Hearing of it, Chinese authorities sent seven lightly arracd militia to investigate in Akto county where the town of Baren is located.

Robels killed them, the traveller

China's People's Armed Police then marched on the country and fought a battle with a small band of rebels on April 5 and 6, he added. A senior official has called for stricter supervision of religious activities efter unrest among Muslims in China's northwestern province of Xinjiang last month, according to a local broadcast on

"We should effectively intensify supervision over religious activities and the venues for such activities," Xinjiang regional Congress chair-man Tomur Dawamats lold provin-cial radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Taiwan said Tuesday it will not allow the Goddess of Democracy, a radio ship that plans to beam prodemocracy reports to China, to hroadcast from Taiwan waters and urged the ship to observe international laws that ban unauthorised

boat people nort HONG KONG, May 9, (Reuter): An international aid agency accused Hong Kong yesterday of brutality towards Vietnamese women and

children caught up in massive police raid on a detention centre for boat people last week.

Police fired more than 100 rounds (\$150.14 pt) of leargas last Friday to quell violence that raged for 11 hours after. they raided Hong Kong's largest the camp, arresting 180 inmates and seiz.

ing home-made weapons.

Philip Barker, e field officer for the save the Children Fund Agency, said the had received reports of mothers pushed and hit by police with batons for moving too slowly. for moving too slowly.

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food, no drink," Barker said.
"And if they wanted to urinate of defecate they had to do it exactly."

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Tokyo writers quit in protest

TOKYO, May 9, IKUNA): Two had been popular oovelists and one literary harbility critic are pioneering a campaign of his 10.35 resignations from the Japan Writers (alice 1932) Association in protest against its refusal to grant a membership to Norio Nagayama, a 40-year-old povelist on death row.

Encouraged by the three men's resignations, more writers and critics are expected to leave the association,

observers ooted.
Nagayama's death sentence was upheld hy supreme court on April 17. He was convicted of killing four peo-ple in less than one month in 1968. He

was 19 years old when be committed the murders.

Ouring his 21-year court battle that challenged the constitutionality of capital punishment; Nagayama began writing novels in prison. Someof his works, including (Tears of Ignorance) and (Abandoned Kids Playing), were published and highly praised.

South African vigilantes stoke fires of apartheid

rescue effort to the landing site.



Vigilante Hannia Muller (telt) points his Magnum pistol at a fellow volunteer on Tuesday during a meeting to discuss using racial tension in Weikom. Orange Free State town, South Africa. Blacks are staging consumer boycott to retaliate against alleged white violence. (Reuter wirephotol

WELKOM, May 9. (Reuter): Racial hatred has placed the town of Welkom under siege. After Nelson Mandela and President F.W. de Klerk's first tentadve steps towards negotiating a settlement to South Africa's political stalemate, white diehards are stoking apartheid's fires in this Orange Free State mining town.

Khaki-clad vigilantes, charging that police are unable to contain crime in Welkom, have established night patrols to chase blacks from the town's near suburbs and leafy avenues.

Armed with shotguns and Magnum pis-

tols, vigilantes head out in groups of 12 in unmarked vans to patrol the uneasy streets of the town, which means 'welcome' in

Organisers say most night putrols are uneventful, with routioe checks on the properties of elderly people and women liv-

But trade union and civil rights officials say the vigilantes are more concerned with 'hlack-hashing' and terrorising law-abiding residents than maintaining law and order. They say at least two blacks have been murdered, allegedly at the hands of the patrols, since they were launched earlier this

The white organisers of South Africa's biggest vigilante scheme — they boast a membership of more than 4,000 — deny the

murders and are unrepentant about their They say they have a mission to clean up

their home town of 75,000 whites, surrounded by huge compounds housing thousands of black miners who work in the goldfields. "We don't want Kaffirs dancing in the

streets. If they want to play with fire we can play with fire as well," said Hennie Muller, one of the masterminds of the 'white It was established shortly after the gover-nment opened the floodgates of black dis-sent in February by releasing Mandela from

seut in recruary by releasing Mandela from jail and legalising protest movements such as his African National Congress (ANC). But whites living in South Africa's conservative hinterland did not subscribe to the generally favourable reviews of De Klerk's initiative, and their reaction in Welkom has furfled fears of a white are appetitude hack. fuelled fears of a white pro-apartheid back-

The conservative reaction is spreading-mainly from towns like Welkom — rural communities of Afrikaners where strict

racial segregation often still prevails.

Muller said that his telephone never stops ringing from like-minded citizens all over South Africa who want to establish armedneighbourhood watches in their towns. But he denies his vigilantes are responsi

ble for terrorising or intimidating innocent

ted murder in connection with the

search of en airstrip the pilot later learned was no longer in "I circled over Dollo, which is a military zone, several times and a single shot was fired from the ground. It hit one

The aircraft's occupants, who included a Belgian and

The eight-seater aircraft is owned by a privately-owned

Eros said an employee of the civil aviation authority in Mustala Aden, pulled a pistol "and pointing it at my head

Hijacked plane was fired upon in Ethiopia

AOOIS ABABA, May 9, (AP): A light aircraft hijacked to Ethiopia from neighbouring Somalia over the weekend was damaged by gunfire before landing on a narrow dirt

two Somalis, escaped injuries as the plane landed and was slightly damaged. There was a scuffle hut Ethiopian security forces later subdued the hijacker, but no shots

Italian construction company. It was flying southward to Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, from the Red Sea port of

Bertni Eros, 57, said single bullet damage a wing of the twin-engine Cessna as it flew over a military region in

of the wings and the fuel tank was damaged," Eros, an Italian, told a news conference yesterday.

Barbera had requested "a lift" for two Somalis. But five minutes in flight, one of the men, identified as Abdulkader

ordered me to fly him to Addis Ahaba," Ethiopia's capital.

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US bases talks will shape Asia-Pacific security

A Soviet war veteran rests on his crutches during a celebratory meeting at the

Bolshoi Theatre on Tuesday, to mark the 45th anniversary of the end of the World War II. President Gorbachev came under fresh challenges Tuesday from

OLONGAPO. Philippines, May 9, (UPI): Police filed charges of homicide and attempted robbery today against three Filipinos in the killing of a US

marine sergeant, but the prosecutor dismissed the case and ordered the release of the suspects.

In a resolution, assistant prosecutor Dorentino Floresca said the arrest of the three without proper

judicial warrants was "unjustified".

"We cannot help but apply the rules equally regardless of the nature of the offence and the

MANILA, May 9. (Renter): Negotiations opening on Monday on the future of US military bases in the Philippines will help shape security patterns in Asia and the Western Pacific into the next century, defence analysis say. Subje Bay naval station and Clark air base are the largest US military facilities in the Asia-Pacific region, and played

a key role during the Vietnam war. But the US says it is ready to pull our within a year, ending almost a century of American military presence in the Philippines, if it cannot get an acceptable new agreement when the lease expires in September 1991.

The United States and the Philippines will open exploratory talks on Monday in Mantla to decide whether to negotiate a treaty allowing the continued stay of the s, or close them and convert them to civilian use. The US team is led by Richard Armitage, a former

assistant defence secretary known as a tough bargainer. while the Philippine side will be led by Foreign Secretary

Although the bases are big money earners for the Philippines, providing jobs for 78,000 Filipinos, militant labour

the talks to lobby for the removal of the facilities.

They believe the Philippines, a former US colony, will not be free from American interference until the bases are remoted, and to a large extent the talks will be as much about Filipino self-esteem as about money.

Officials from President Cornzon Aquino down have stressed that a central demand is for Mamila to be treated us an equal ally, rather than a lackey I think it is all a matter of each one recognising that

each is important and each should respect the other," Aquino told reporters US Ambassador Nicholas Platt said the possible joint

use of the facilities by the US and the Philippine military could be a substantive part of the talks. Juint use could lead to the eventual complete takeover of

the bases by the Philippine military, with the US retaining access, defence analysis say. Philippine Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos has suggested a gradual phase-out by 1998. Subjected and Clark are vital for their training and storage facilities, and inject around \$1 billion a year into the Philippine economy in aid and indirect spending. Subje, the more important of the two, has vast under-

ground armament magazues, a harbour which can take the largest aircraft carrier, a skip repair facility and an airfield

Clark can store as much oil as New York's Kennedy airpon and anexiensive borne grange for flight training.

Both help project Arr.
Sea, the Indian Ocean. far as the Gulf. The talks are taking, ... ce against the backdrop of the end of the cold war in Lurope and arms outs by both the

superpowers. Soviet Ambassador Oleg Sokolov says the buses are now relics of the cold war and should be removed.

But US Pacific Commander Admiral Huntington Hardisty says the United States will need to maintain a strong presence in the Asia-Pacific region until well into the next

century to maintain regional stability.

Japan and many Southeast Asian nations agree, seeing the US presence as preferable to a build-up by Japan, China India or Vietnam. Hardisty said that if the United States withdrew from the Philippines, forces could be redeployed to other areas in the region, including the US territory of Guam, to

Singapore and to Japon.

The Manila negotiations will be in two stages. The initial exploratory talks will decide whether there are grounds for

longer negotiations. At the exploratory stage the Philippines will question

why the United States has not lived up to its earlier financial commitments, with the US Congress shaving \$96 million off a \$481 million compensation package for 1990.
The US has said it will make up for the shortfall with

extra military equipment.

Another possible stumbling block is Philippine insistence that a new pact must be in the form of a treaty, as stipulated by the new Philippine constitution, and not as

previously an executive agreement.

Both sides say the negotiations could be stormy, and on Tuesday Aquino heard proposals for the possible conversion of the bases into industrial and agricultural estates, as well as the suggested relocation of Manila's military camps to the US base sites north of the capital.

independence-minded Baltic republics but rebuffed Soviet military hardiners

seeking an old style crackdown against opponents (Reuter wirephoto)

Police investigator Lieut Leonardo Esteban said the three would not be released. "We are going to

oppose the resolution," he said.

Olongapo police chief Lieut Col Macarthur Torres told reporters yesterday Angeles bad admitted he shot Fredette, originally from Chicopee, Massachusetts, but a resident of Buena Park, California, Burke and Quittong denied involvement in the killing.

NEWS IN BRIEF

4.8 pc defence cut sought: The treasury wants to cut Britain's defence budget by one billion pounds (\$1.7 billion), or 4.8 per cent, in response to reduced East-West tensions, the London Evening Standard reported Wednesday.

It said the scale of the proposed cut, "even as an opening hid, has

startled the Ministry of Defence." The Defence Ministry called the report "speculative," while the treasury said it would not speculate on future government decisions.

Amnesty report outdated: Turkey said on Wednesday that ai first look an Amnesty International statement alleging for ure and other human rights abuses continued unabated in the country seemed strained

"This report seems to be a photostat copy of the previous one," Foreign Ministry spokesman Murat Sungar said of a statement issued by

the London-based human rights group earlier on Wednesday. "One can sense a forced aspect [in it). It is being examined carefully but the report gives the impression that great efforts have been made to find points to criticise," Sungar said. [Reuter)

US vets snub Quayle: US Vice President Dan Quayle hailed America's World War II soldiers Wednesday as heroes who laid the

groundwork for European unity, but some veterans snuhbed a ceremony because of Quayle's military record.

One of the legionnaires present said that several people in his 750-member organisation declined to attend the ceremony at the American Embassy because they believed Quayle avoided combat duty during the Vietnam war by joining the Indiana National Guard, (AP)

Hubble fails location test: US space agency engineers struggled unsuccessfully Tuesday to teach the Hubble space relescope exactly what in the heavens it is looking at.

The telescope was told to look for stars of a certain hrighiness in what

scientists thought was a rich field. It found none.
"It was somewhat of a surprise," said Michael Harrington, the Nasa engineer in charge of checking out the instrument. "We had expected that this field has a plenitude of that size stars and that we had no problem getting plenty. It didn't turn out quite like that." (AP)

X-ray telescope launch: A spaceborne observatory set for taunch on an unmanned rocket on May 31 will open astronomers eyes to the invisible universe, American and German scientists said on Tuesday. The Roentgen satellite, built by the federal republic of Germany and readied for launch by the United States, will probe the universe for

radiation the human eye cannot see. The satellite carries telescopes that can detect x-rays and extreme ultraviolet light from mysterious black holes, fiery quasars, exploding stars, and invisible but massive stellar objects that astronomers suspect are remnants of the "big bang" from which the universe is thought to have formed. (Reusers

Deportation of Jews not inhumane: A lawyer defended an accused war criminal on Tuesday by saying the Nazi deponation of Jews from Hungary was not inhumane and that some people on holiday stay

in worse places than a brickyard where 8,000 Jews were held.
Inner Finta, a former Toronto restaurant owner, has pleaded not

guilty to charges of robbery, manslaughter, kidnapping and forcibly confining 8,617 Jews from Szeged, Hungary in 1944. The 77-year-old Finta was a captain in Hungary's para-military gendarmerie.

Referring to Canada's detainment of Japanese-Canadians during World War II, lawyer Douglas Christie said during his final summation in the country's first war crimes trial that Finta was only doing what Canadian authorities had done (Pauler). Canadian authorities had done. (Reuter)

Danger: Journalists at Work: The International Federation of Journalists (tFJ) on Tuesday launched a handbook advising reporters in the frontline of war, revolution and disasters how to stay alive.

The Brussels-based IFJ, grouping journalists' unions and organisations in 38 countries, published the 30-page book entitled "Danger; Journalists at Work," as part of a \$100,000 safety campaign. (Reuter)

Sensitise conjugal violence: Concerned by the increase in conjugal violence, a solidarity association of women has launched a campaign to sensitize the population to this flaw, a Swiss daily reported Wednesday.

La Suisse observed that in the span of three months (June to August

1989), 109 cases of conjugal violence were registered in Switzerland.
The victims' ages range between 20 and 50 years, and the majority were of Swiss nationality coming from different social classes. (Kuna)

System to ease traffic jams: A new system designed to ease motorway congestion is to be introduced on a commercial basis in the UK this August, it was reported in London Wednesday. The system, thought to be the first of its kind commercially available in

the world, gives motorists advance warning of traffic jams.

In this way, drivers will be able to choose an alternative route and so

avoid being stuck in traffic for hours, its makers claim. (Kuna)

Call to curb lending

British are sinking ever more into debt to fund increasingly affluent

The National Consumer Council said there had been a change of attitude in Britain to debt, whether on credit cards, secured loans, over-

drafts or mortgages, and called for a crackdown on lending. "Credit is no longer viewed exclusively as an emergency measure, to be used for the necessities of life," the council said in a report.

Its survey showed that Britons owe on average twice as much per head as they did a decade ago despite an eight per cent rise in disposable income. Margaret Thatcher's Con-

servative government prides itself on

introducing more home ownership. But to curb rising inflation, now at a year-on-year rate of 8.1 per cent, it bas doubled interest rates since June 1988 pinching those who borrowed to huy property and fund spending.
"Debi problems have got worse in
the last decade and could get worse

still, with more people taking out second mortgages to pay for things like cars and holidays, and with house values falling," the report said And some people," says the report," are being lent money that they have little or no hope of repay-

The 11-year-old Thatcher govern-ment has also embarked on a huge privatisation scheme encouraging millions of people to buy shares who in the past had not held them.

[™] 21 soldiers go on trial

Filipino coup

MANILA, May 9, (AP): The first of 21 soldiers charged in a coup attempt last December went on trial yesterday, but their lawyers stormed out of court after the judges decied a motionchallenging the tribunal's

legality.
The officers, including two generals, are charged with mutiny, murder, attempted murder and conduct unbecoming an officer in the Dec 1-9 rebellion against the government of President Corazon Aquino, If convicted of all charges, they could receive life prison senten-

During the opening session, defence lawyers filed several motions, icluding one challenging the authority of military Chief of Staff Gen. Renato de Villa to appoint the military jud-

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Defence lawyer Pablito Sanidad argued that De Villa should have refrained from appointing the seven-member panel because he was in effect a "co-accuser." trelocue: De Villa's residence was bombed and destroyed during the coup

Defence lawyers also argued that the order creating the court and appointing its members was not properly signed by De Villa. But the chief judge, Brig. Gen. Demetrio Camua, ruled that the

arbitrary detention cases in 1989.

tribunal was "duly constituted." "I'm sorry I cannot stand in behalf of my client and could not be a willing instrument over this illegally assembled body," said one of the defence lawyers, Alfredo Lazaro, who then left the courtroom, followed by fellow defence lawyers.

One of the defence attorneys, Oliver Lozano, said later the walkout was "in protest, because we felt helpless and we were not

being heard."
He said desence lawyers would ask the Supreme Court to issue a restraining order and rule on the decision to proceed with the trial. Camua adjourned the proceedings until next Tuesday.

"I think we are being railroaded," said Air Force Brig. Gen. Jose Commendador, the senior defendant. "This is worst than a Kangaroo court."

Relatives of the defendants iammed a small viewing room adjacent to the courtoom at Camp Crame, headquarters of the Philippine constabulary.

Childreo of the defendants wore T-shirts with the words "Our dream will never die," the motto of the revolutionary alliance of the masses soldiers of the Filipino people, ooe of several military dissident groups linked to the failed coup.

Report on human rights

buses dowr

MANILA, May 9. (AP): Human rights violations have decreased in the Philippines in recent years but military forces still head the list of violators, human rights watchdog groups said in separate reports obtained today.

Mary Concepcion Bautista, chief of the government's Commissioo on Human Rights, said the commission's efforts had "substantially" reduced the incidence of human rights violations. In a report to the Asia-Pacific workshop on human rights, the commission said 1,863 people were cited as violators in 1988. Of those,

munist New People's Army. This compares with 833 soldiers and policemen and 110 rebels cited as violators in 1989. Other alleged violators include anti-communist vigilantes, militiamen and paramilitary troops.

1,077 were soldiers or policemen and 603 were members of the com-

The report also showed that violators among the paramilitary citizens armed forces geographic units increased from 14 in 1988 to 89 the following year as those units gradually took over from the notorious civilian home defence forces. The home Defence Force is being phased out following complaints of widespread abuses. The units are supposed to be under tighter military control, but critics say the only difference is the name change.

The commission said there were 1,200 cases of violations in 1989, 383 fewer than in 1988. It also reported that there were 540 killings. 101 disappearances, 50 torture and 136 arbitrary detention cases reported in 1988, but the numbers dropped to 352 killings, 54 disappearances, 25 torture and 100



Three Filipinos charged in murder of US officer

personalities involved," Floresca said.

Gunnery Sgl. John Fredette, 34, on temporary assignment at the US-run Subic Bay naval base from the marine station in El Toro, California, was fatally shot with a single bullet fired on the back of

the head Friday night in Olongapo, a liberty city 50

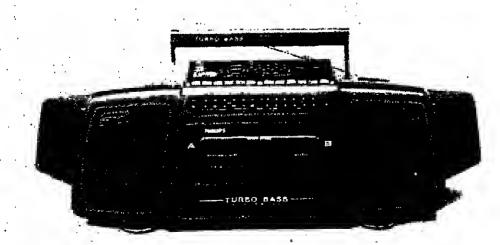
Sunday, three suspects — Reynato Angeles, 33, William Burke, 24, and Johnny Quitlong, 25 —

Police said between 10 pm Saturday and 5 am

miles (80 km) northwest of Manila.



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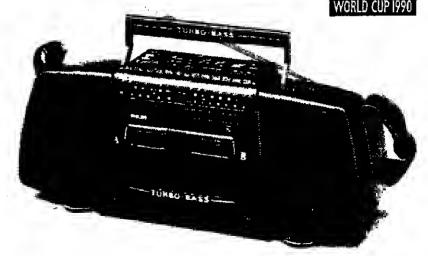
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A bemedated Soviet Detence Minister Dmitri Yazov salutes as the reviews troops from an open



Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev waves to the crowd from the top of Lenin's mausoleum before watching the May 9 military parede on Red Square commemorating the 45th anniversary of Nazi Garmany's surrender in World War Two. (Reuter wirephoto)

Danger still looms: Yazov

Moscow marks victory day with a big military parade

MOSCOW, May 9, (Agencies): Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Yazov said today the country still faced military danger but pledged to pursue military reform as Moscow commemorated the defeat of Nazi Germany with a big parade.

Yazov, standing next to President Mikhail Gorbachev atop the Lenin mausoleum in Red Square, was speaking one day after the Soviet leader criticised the armed forces and called for a re-examination of their role.

'Under the influence of deep transformation in the Soviet Union, there have been considerable positive changes in international affairs. Dialogue is taking the place of confrontation," Yazov said.

Yazov said the defeat of the Nazis 45 years ago was the "achievement of our homeland, our people," and stressed the role played in the victory hy the Communist Party, saying three million of its members died in

Revised figures disclosed last week put total Soviet losses at about 27

At a time when Eastern European countries are negotiating the depar-ture of hundreds of thousands of Soviet troops stationed there since the war, he said the Soviet people had liberated the peoples of Europe from the fascist yoke.
Gorbachev smiled broadly next to

Yazov and other members of the country's leadership as ranks of land, sea and air troops, military cadets and Interior Ministry forces launched the 30-minute parade through

the square, In contrast to last week's May Day celebrations, when Gorbachev was jeered hy crowds accusing him of pursuing failed policies, today's parade was a low-key, polished affair

with a minimum of fanfare. No foreign veterans marched in tions. However, defence ministers and chiefs of staff from Warsaw Pact

countries did attend. Moscow streets were virtually empty, with a marked absence of the enthusiasm shown on previous such occasions when families would turn

out to witness the parade. Troops paraded in formation over the cobbled square 10 take a salute from Gorbachey, commander-in-

chief of the armed forces. Cadets scurried across Red Square

to present flowers to the Kremlin Television showed only the coun-

try's top leadership — Gorbachev, Yazov, Prime Minister Nikolai Ryz-hkov and Supreme Soviet Chairman Anatoly Lukyanov - excluding the rest of the leadership.

A parade to celebrate Soviet vic-

tory day in Lithuania ended in a rally against Baltic independence by 5,000 protesters backed by the Communist

Party and military.

Rally speakers denounced the
Latvian Parliament's declaration of

independence on May 4. to the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, meanwhile, a witness reported that 200 people tried to block a

ching to the statue of a Red Army bern from World War II. "We consider the declaration of

independence a defeat fc reveryone," said Li Gen. Oleg Zinchenko, head of the political directorate of the Baltic military region, which encompasses the republics of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

Zinchenko, saying he spoke for the Red Army and the Soviet fleet, said at the rally in Riga that appeals from the military to the Kremlin to intervene more forcefully in the Baltics were not signs of weakness.

"Nothing could he more dangerous than that misperception." he told his audience in front of the Latvian capital's towering World War II victory memorial. Many people in the crowd waved bright red banners as well as Latvian flags emblazoned with the Soviet hammer. emblazoned with the Soviet hammer and sickle.

A traditional military parade also

look place in Lithuania, without any confrontations between supporters and opponents of Lithuanian independence, Radio Vilnius repor-

In Riga, the victory day celehration began at mid-morning with a military parade overseen by the commander of the entire Baltic military district, Maj. Gen. Fyodor Kuzmin. A Soviet admiral urged Gorba-chev yesterday to invoke "strict law and order" against draft evasion, desertion and what he said were Baltic insults against World War II

The remarks by Adm. Vasily Grishanov, at a rally in the Bolshoi theatre drew prolonged applause from a crowd of veterans, many of them highly decorated generals and admirals from World War II.

"But at the same time, the military threat remains. In these conditions the Soviet Union maintains its military preparedness at the necessary and sufficient level and is carrying out a radical transformation of its defence capacity, all of which constitutes military

The profound changes brought about hy Gorbachev's perestroika policies were not

Gorbachev, in a speech at ceremonies on the eve of the anniversary, said the country's leadership was "far from being satisfied with the current situation in the army. And of course it also cannot be beyond the pale of criticism."

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Nato envoy resigns: Luxembourg announced that its ambassador to Nato Guy de Muysaer has resigned and a senior government official said US intelligence suspected he had passed information to

"The CIA has information that he may have given some sort of security information to officials in Moscow," the senior official said. (Reuter)

French reds hold key: France's Communist. Party held the key on Wednesday to the survival of Prime Minister Michel Rocard's socialist government which faces an opposition censure motion over an amnesty for corrupt politicians.

The communists, whose 20 parliamentarians

could tilt the balance in the late evening vote, called an emergency session of their central committee to decide whether or not to side with their traditional

Despite a booming economy, shrinking unem-ployment and inflation, and a strong franc, Rocard's popularity ratings have tumbled recently over the January amnesty. (Reuter)

Albania announces reforms: Albania. Europe's last hardline communist state, has announced sweeping reforms of human rights, giving individuals more legal powers and changing the definition of crimes against the state.

The official Albanian news agency ATA said on Wednesday that Parliament had unanimously approved draft laws covering a broad range of topics including crimes earning the death penalty, the right to hold a passport and legalising foreign investment. The reforms were announced on Tuesday at the

same parliamentary session at which Prime Minister Adil Carcani declared Albania's readiness to join the East-West conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE). (Reuter)

Italian reds suffer setback: Italian voters dealt the Communist Party and its "new course" a sharp setback in regional and provincial elections while groups seeking greater local autonomy made

"Earthquake at the polls," said the national daily newspaper La Republica after the Lega Lombarda in the Mitan area won 19 per cent of the votes, outpolling the communists in the wealthy industrial region.

Award for false conviction: A provincial court has awarded 37 million zlotys in compensation for a man imprisoned for more than six years on a false conviction during the Stalinist prosecutions of the 1950s, the Polish news agency PAP reported Wednesday, Franciszek Slowik, arrested in 1948, was a member

of the prewar Polish Socialist Party and Poland's Home Army, PAP said. He will receive the equivalent of nearly \$3,900 under the ruling issued by the provincial court in Rzeszow on Tuesday. (AP)

CDU declares victory: The leader of a separatist, centre-right party declared victory on Tuesday in Croatia's first free elections in 50 years and exulted that the republic was finally "free of Marxist one-party hell."

Preliminary results of Sunday's and Monday's final round of parliamentary elections in the republic showed the centre-right party, the Croatian Democratic Union, capturing at least 158 seats in the 356-seat state legislature. (AP)

Yugoslavia wants to join: Cring recent political and economic reforms. The Yugoslav president said Tuesday that his country is now ready to join all major European organisations.

Janez Drnovsek, addressing the parliamentary assembly of the council of Europe, said Yugoslavia was "interested in the existing forms of European co-operation, its institutions and organisations, becom-ing hroader-based and paving the way to new European co-operation by being more open towards other countries and associations." (APt



'Good understanding'

Lithuanian Prime Minister Kazimiera Prunskiena with Britain's Margaret Thatcher about the Soviet republic's declaration of Independence.

Aides of Prime Minister Thatcher stressed Ihat while she was sympathatic, Britain's priority remained not to upset Soviet President Mikhail Gor-

"I am very pleased with the discussions," Prunsk-iene said after meeting Thalchar et her 10 Downing Sireet residence. "Wa have a good understanding

how metters should be resolved in the future regard-The scheduled 30-minute meeting between the two

woman turned into a 75-minute discussion. "They clearly go on very well," said a British official, speak-The official edded that Thatcher will write to Gorba-

chev to report on the meeting.
"We don't want the apple cart upset, but we do sympathise with them (Lithuanians)," said one British official. "The question is, how we get it sorted out." Picture shows the Prime Miniater of Lithuanian Kazimiera Prunskiene leaving 10 Downing Streel In London after talks with Prime Minister Mergerat Thatcher, (Reuter wirephoto)

Hungarian opposition tells

Pull out from Pact

BUDAPEST, May 9. (Reuter): Hungary's main opposition party said today the forthcoming government should revive a 1956 decision to take the country out of the Warsaw Pact.

The Altiance of Free Democrats said Hungary should reverted presidention in the Spring had

should suspend participation in the Soviet-led military alliance pending a final decision by parliament.
The Free Democrats' draft resolution to

parliament seemed certain to embarrass Prime Minister-designate Jozsef Antall, whose centreright Hungarian Democratic Forum is expected to form a coalition within the next two weeks.

The 1956 decision by the anti-Stalinist govern

ment of Imre Nagy withdrawing from the Pact provoked the Soviet Union into sending troops to crush the Hungarian uprising.
Nagy was later executed for treason.

The resolution was put to the new national assembly today by Miklos Vasarhelyi, Nagy's government spokesman at the time.

"It is known that on Nov 1, 1956, the revolutionary government of Hungary said it was leaving the Warsaw Pact with immediate effect," said the 72-year-old Vasarhelyi who helped draft

Defeat predicted: An opposition leader on Tuesday predicted that the remnants of the ruling Communist Party on Tuesday will be thrown out of office in Butgaria's June elections despite an all-out

the original declaration.

effort to stay in power. "The Communist Party is bound to lose the elections. It will be a catastrophic defeat," said Petko Simeonov, a senior leader of the opposition Union

reject Moscow's idea'

'Don't

BONN, May 9, (AP): The head of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's junior cautioned Kobl against rejecting Moscow's idea of unifying Ger-many before resolving a dispute, over the country's military. affegiance.

The comment by Otto Lambsdorff, chairman of the Free Democrat Party, seemed to mark a split between Kohl and his liberal coalition allies.

Meanwhile, another Free Democrat suggested that West Germany help pay for the presence of Soviet troops on East German soil until the problem of a united Germany's military allegiance is cleared up.

Olaf Feldmann, the FDP's military expert, said the continued stationing of Soviet troops on what is now East German soil is "imaginable" for a "limited transi-tion time" after unity, reported the Neue Presse newspaper of Hau-

"This must not fall because of costs, we'll have to participate in that," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

Feldmann said that, for its own protection, Germany must "as far as possible" help the Soviet Union solve its own problems, the news-paper said. He was presumably speaking about the extra economic burdens the Soviet Union would face if its troops in East Germany

An estimated 380,000 Soviet troops are stationed in East Ger-

West German officials have himted previously that there would be economic incentives for the Soviets in return for their full support of Bonn's unification blueprints, but have not specified what those

The Soviet Union rejects the idea of a united Germany belonging to Nato, while the Nato allies say tern alliance is crucial.

Bonn and Washington have said they would not mind Soviet troops remaining on what is now East German soil for a transition period, but they are opposed to Moscow's proposal for a neutral Germany.

During unification talks last weekend, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze suggested postponing a decision on the military complications of merging the two Germanys until after unification occurs.

Kohl rejected that idea on Moo-

day, saying it could be "fatal" for unity if the military dispute wasn't resolved quickly.

Peace talks issue unresolved

Labour for coalition again

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 9, (UPI): Labour Party leaders, lobbied by a religious faction in Parliament, announced their readiness today to join another coalition with the right-wing Likud Party although ques-tions on advancing the peace process remain unresolved.

The decision sparked outrage by more dovish Labour members who said Likud was not a partner for pursuing the peace process. Acting Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, attempting to form a Likud-led coalition, declined immediate comment on the development.

In its decision, Labour said a new "national unity" govern-ment would be based on the guidelines of the previous coalition, Israel's 1989 peace initiative and a cabinet decision in November that conditionally accepted a US formula for Israeli-Palestinian talks, army radio reported. But questions on the makeup of a Palestinian delegation for

such talks and when a decision would be made on the issue remain unanswered. Israel's Labour-Likud coalition collapsed March 13 over the parties' disagreement over the makeup of a Palestinian delegation and participation of East Jerusalem Arabs.
"What we agreed now as a precondition — all the former

Labour ministers — is that all these questions should be decided after forming the gover-nment," Yaacov Tsur, a Rabin ally, told reporters.

Court ruling

Make pacts public

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, May 9, (AP: Electoral reformers clar first victory today after Israel's Supreme Court ordered political parties to make full disclosure of political pacts made to form government

coalitions.

In a unanimous 25-page decision, a three-member panel of judges ruled in favour of petitions by four Israeli citizens against the centre-left Labour Party of Shimon Peres and the right-wing Likud Bloc of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as well as individual politicians.

Chief justic Meir Shamgar wrote that the disclosure should be made in the Knesset, or parliament, no later than the day the prime minister-designate presents his new government for a vote of confidence.

"Free opinion and public knowledge of what is occuring in the system of government are an integral part of the democratic system" he wrote.

"Public confidence cannot possibly be maintained on the basis of things which are concealed."

The court said hiding information is justified only when state security, relations with foreign countries or vital public interests are endangered.

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Uriel Reichman, a law professor who has been a reform leader, hailed the ruling as step towards overhauling the "corrupt system" of political

"A coalition agreement can't be signed any longer in sealed rooms without the public knowing how national interests are decided and taxpayers' money is distributed," he said.

But Peres said Labour was still demanding Likud Party accept US Secretary of State James Baker's proposal for the first-ever talks with Palestinians.

Peres, citing an earlier vote by the party executive, said: "There is only one decision — to take part in a national unity govern-ment on the condition the peace initiative exists and we give

Baker a positive answer."
The right-wing National
Religious Party has advocated
another broad Likud-Labour

accept a compromise proposal aimed at resolving differences

over the peace process. Labour leaders accepted the proposal but with amendments made by former defence minister Yitzhak Rabin, a possible the head the leadership of the Labour Party. Rabin deleted a proposal that the new government would decide within two months on the steps toward pushing the peace process further, Army Radio

coalition and asked Labour to

Symbol of war

Tony Shete, a 10-year-old Christian boy sits on the top of his tather's burned car near his sandbagged building in Christian east Beirut yesterday. At least 22 people have been killed in overnight heavy clashes between Christian warlords vying for the control of the devastated Lebanese Christian enclave. (Reuter

Snamır says, swap possible

Hostage crisis

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 9, (AP): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, speaking for the first time about a prisoner swap, said today Israel would not release any Arab detainees for Western hostages unless Israeli soldiers held in

Lebanon were also freed.
Asked about growing US pressure on Israel to free detainers, Shamir said: "I don't think that anybody will ask Israel to participate in such an endeavour withmut having a possibility to release our own prisoners and missing soldiers." The Israeli soldiers were captured

in Lebanon in 1986 and are believed to be held by Hezbollah, a pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim militia. Sixteen Westerners, including six

Americans, are also held in Lebanon. When asked whether any progress had been made concerning the release of Israeli captives, Shamir said: "Unfortunately, not yet." He spoke to reporters during a tour of a high-tech factory in occupied Jerusalem.

Israel's Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Dan Shomron, said no contacts were under way concerning a three-way swap involving Israel, the United States and the captors in Lebanon. Shomron said in an interview broadcast today on Israel radio that there had been no requests for

proposals for a prisoner swap. He also said any deal that does materialise would have to include the return of three Israeli soldiers captured by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim

prisoner releases and no practical

militiamen in Lebanon. "When there is a readiness on the other side to return (Israeh) prisoners, we are prepared for an exchange. This (policy) has not changed,"

"Today, there is nothing concrete where someone is talking to us about exchanges."

Interviewed last night at a reunion of hostages and soldiers from the 1975 Entebbe rescue mission, Shomron also noted that Israel had a military option to rescue hostages.

Chad war spills into Sudan KHARTOUM, May 9, (AP): The military government said today it is

trying with "intensive diplomatic contacts" to stop fighting in western.

Sudan hetween forces of Chad's government and rebels opposed to it.

The announcement marked the first time since Licui Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir's government took power 10 months ago that it has admitted that warfare had spilled into the sprawling Darfur region from Sudan's neighbour to the west.

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Khartoum has virtually no control over Darfur and the area along the Chad frontier. For years Chadian rebels have used the area as a base of operations for altacks on government forces inside Chad.

"Sudan is exerting strenuous efforts to get the Chadian opposition forces back into Chad to facilitate the handling of the crisis," the Sudan News Agency quoted Maj. Gen. Al Tigani Adam Al Tahir as saying.

"Sudan is engaged in intensive diplomatic contacts to stop the fighting between the Chadian government and opposition forces in Darfur province," said Al Tahir, a member of the 15-officer junta in power since staging a military coup last June 30.

The general said the fighting between the Chadian factions had "inflicted heavy losses on the interests of the citizens of Darfur region."

Cheney wants Nato to retain its nuclear first-strike option, even if US, Soviets reach parity in Europe

KANANASKIS VILLAGE, Canada. May 9, (UPI): Defence Secretary Dick Cheney said he wants Nato to retain its nuclear first-strike option, even if US-Soviet

conventional forces reach parity in Europe. "I would not want to give that up." Cheney told repor-ters yesterday aboard his flight to Canada on the eve of a Nato nuclear planning group meeting of defence mini-

The 16-member alliance maintains what it calls a

strategy of "flexible response" whereby Nato forces could

ise nuclear weapons first to half an attack by overwhelming Soviet conventional forces. 'I think the basic strategy ought to continue as it has in the past. The only question is, what kind of forces do we need to implement it. Forces are likely to be different...

lower levels," said Cheney, one of the Bush administration's more conservative voices.

The semi-annual meeting of Nato's MPG, which me'udes 14 defence ministers of the 16-nation alliance France and Iceland do not participate militarily), is being

held today and tomorrow at the lormer winter Olympic site near Calgary.

It is the first Nato ministerial meeting since President George Bush announced last week that the United States was cancelling plans to replace the lance short-range missile and nuclear artitlery in Europe with new, powerful

Bush also called for a Nato summit of heads of state, tentatively set for July in London, to review the alliance's political, and military strategy and the role nuclear weapons play in light of dramatic reforms in Eastern Europe and a lessened Soviet threat.

. Cheney, under questioning, said he wants Nato to retain its option of a nuclear first strike despite a possible conven-tional arms treaty that would limit US and Soviet troops to 195,000 each in central Europe.

"The doctrine of flexible response, I think, has provided a structure of security and I'm not eager to remove any single element of it," Chency said.

Runcie may meet Muslim

LONDON, May 9, (AP): Archbi-shop of Canterbury Robert Runcie is seious considering meeting with a leading full and British Muslim who claims that the Terry Waite, missing in Lebanon for three years, is alive and well, a church three years, is alive and well, a church three years. official said last night.

Paul Handley. Runcie's press. the secretary, said the Anglican leader in the was considering a request for a method ing by Sayed Quddus, president of a Muslim group to the northern England city of Bradford. It is also

Quddus said he was told in frant . . . recently that while Waite was well-adde to and in good spirits, he would only be will or released in exchange for author Sali kind

The writer is in hiding in Britain istances with an Iranian death scotence on his got class with an Iranian death scotenee on the set than head for his novel "The Satanic Vere" (mean) ses," alleged to his pheme Islam.

Quddus said at his Bradford home " like 14: he held top-level talks with Iranian teld at leaders who are believed to bave tana influence over the people who abduoted Waite Jan 20, 1987, when he was the lost sent to Beirut hy Runcie on a mission to try to negotiate the release of host like last ----lahua...l w

"I have not seen Terry Waite myself but the news is confirmed. I cannot disclose everything. But I can say he is very lucky to be alive and well. He is perfectly all right—our Terry is perfectly safe and sound I can say." Quddus said. in the man o

He added that he had been told with Sale that Waite's spirits "are also very. high.'

Ouddus, a former joint secretary the miles of the Council of Mosques in Brad-bill in an ford, was one of the first Muslims in the bill in an Britain to burn publicly Rushdic's the bare bare. "The hostage issue and Salman "The hostage issue and same Rushdie were on the top of my acalls f

agends. In all my talks they said they were very hopeful the hostages would hines be released. Quddus said without claboration. Meanwhile, Sunnie Mann, whose husband Jack vanished in Berrut a year ago, flew to London yesterday think (the British government) think (the British government) to help the could be doing a bit more to help the hostages, but I am not a politics—it is not my line, "said Mrs Mann, 78, at London's Heathrow airport.

is not my line, "said Mrs Mann, 75, as London's Heathrow airport.

She and her husband Jack, 75, have lived in west Beirut since 1946 and Mrs Mann continues to reside in the apartment. Her husband, a former Royal Air Force fighter pilot who was shot down six times in World War II, disappeared on May

A group calling itself the Armed by Siruggic Cells claimed to have abducted him but no ransom demand was ever made.

Iran's charge d'affaires in Lebanon Mohammed Zamanian has an and three Iranians seized by a Christian militia in 1982 were still alive. Lebanese Forces miliua leader

Samir Geagea saidlastweek his party was not holding the Iranians and held his rival former LF leader Elies Hobeika responsible. Former hostage Frank Reed is expected to remain hospitalised for another week hut he is in good spirits, sleeping well and starting to regain some of about 50 pounds (22 kilogrammes) he lost, according to a medical report, in Washington.

A Lebanese Muslim leader said today two Swiss Red Cross workers seized last October had been kidnap

ped for different reasons than other. Western hostages in Lebanon.

al US-Iran claims near olic settlement

WASHINGTON, May 9, (AP): The United States and Iran have made substantial progress in negotiations and are nowclose to settling some 2,600 small claims against Iran filed by Americans after the 1979 Islamic Revolution, the State Department said

Department officials said the progress has been made over many months and has no connection to the recent release of two American bostages in Lebanon or to the fate of other US citizens who continue to be held there.

'A package settlement of small claims has been under discussion for some time, and differences have narrowed considerably, but we have not yet closed this matter," said Mar-garet Tutwiler, the department's chief spokeswoman. Close

Another department official, who commented on condition he not he identified by name, said: We're close to a settlement

Ms Tutwiller noted that the meetings of US and Iranian legal experts have been held roughly once a month since last fall with another meeling set laler this month. The United States is represented at the talks at the Hague in the Netherlands hy. Judge Abraham Sofaer, the State Department's chief legal adviser.

Ms Tutwiler was twice asked whether the progress in the talks represents a good faith gesture or signal from the Bush administration in an effort to improve rela-tions and effect the release of all

She did not respond directly hut said: "The way that I answered il for you was to point out lo you that this discussion of package settlement has been under discussion for quite some

Serious

The US official said the talks overall have been "fairly serious... fairly husinesslike and devoid of references to the hostages." On Friday, Ms. Tulwiler said it

is US policy that "we do not discuss hostages in this forum this forum."

The talks centre on resolving the claims of US corporations, individuals and the government. each for \$250,000 or less, for properly seized, contracts voided and dehis unpaid.

For both the United States and Iran, settling the claims would remove an irritant that has endured since the Islamic Revolution and the 1981 release of hostages held at the US Embassy in Tehran.

Under the 1981 Algiers Accord, which resolved the bostage crisis, the Iran-United States claims tribunal was estable ished at the Hague to arbitrate claims between the two governments and their citizens.

postpone entry So far, the trihunal has awarded more than \$1.3 billion to American claimants and about \$130 hillion to Iranian claimants. according to the State Depart-

The tribunal has also ordered the return of \$492 million in Iranian funds held in an Escrow account after bank claims against the money have been sat-

Tehran calls for closer Chinese ties

NICOSIA, May 9. (Reuter): Iran and China called today for closer thes and Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani said this would counter US "imperialist expansion-

der fine adopted by the Chinese

leadership since suppression of pro-

ement of the PLO application for full membership of the World Health Organisation (WHO). The PLO currently has observer status at WHO meetings. Tehran Radio said Rafsanjani told the Chinese National People's Con-gress chairman Wan Li that Iran had at one point feared that China's A similar request last year by the PLO, which is seeking international recognition for its self-declared state of Palestine, was postponed until this

policies were ill-conceived. year following strong US opposition. "The was when the Americans and The United States, which pruvides over a quarter of the WHO's annual westerners had entered China and held hopes for upheavals inside budget made it clear against he vear it would stop its contribution if the China. Of course it seems now the danger has receded," Rafsanjani PLO bid was successful. said, apparently referring to the har-

Senior US officials attending the two-week meeting said they wanted the issue shelved indefinitely.

GENEVA, May 9, (Reuter): Euro-

pean and moderate Arab countries called vesterday for postponement of

an application by the Palestine

Liberation Organisation (PLO) for

full membership of the World Health

A draft resolution for discussion

iomorrow at the annual world health

assembly in Geneva asked the world

body's Director-General Hiroshi

Nakajima to "continue his studies on the application of Palestine."

to a request for indefinite postpon-

Delegates said the draft amounted

Organisation.

democracy demonstrators last June. The draft said its sponsors hoped the Palestinian people "would be Wan defended China's handling of fully represented within the World Health Organisation by the the unrest, denouncing Washington's "aggressive meddling" over the

AMMAN, May 9, (AP): A royal palace statement yesterday confirmed reports It said Jordan complained to Western countries over the inciden and warned that an Israeli Navy boat in the Gulf of thal "diplomatic action was taken to draw Aqaba lired into the pathway of King altention to its extreme seriousness, for it Hussein's yacht late last month while the held all potential of developing into a most serious confrontation with untold monarch was standing on deck.

This is not the first incident to occur in

the Gulf involving the royal yacht, allh-

ough it is the first to include firing in ils

immediate vicinity," the written statement

The palace said that the incident look

place on April 27 and not as previously

Commandos killed

The bodies of commandos killed by Israeli Iroops in south Lebanon on Tuesday lie next Ioan armoured personnel carrier, Israeli officials did not immediately say

ing against Israel in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip entered its

A pamphlet from underground leaders declared a general strike for

An Israeli court jailed leading Palestinian activist Hassan Abed

At the time Israel said they were responsible for clandestine leaflets

Rabo, 29, arrested last year with three other leaders of the Arab revolt.

that spread orders for nnrest among the 1.75 million Arabs under

WHO membership

tugal.

It did not give a date for further

consideration of the issue which has threatened to plunge the WHO into a

The draft's European sponsors were Austria, Finland, France,

treland, Luxembourg, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Yugoslavia.

Denmark, Greece, Italy and Por-

Other sponsors included moderate

Arah nations such as Egypt. Morocco and Oman as well as Pakistan, New Zealand and Senegal.

The US State Department main

tains the PLO is not entitled to full

membership in any UN organisation

because it does not meet internation

including control of territory.

ally recognised criteria of statehood,

Earlier yesterday Nakajima appealed against politicisation of the

health agency, in a thinly-veiled reference to the PLO's application.

attain health objectives, but not

the Japanese doctor told delegates

attending the two-week meeting that

Although the assembly is due to

discuss issues such as nutrition, poverty and health risks from hazar-

dous wastes, the PLO application is

top of the agenda. It is scheduled for

health issues to serve political ends,"

We should use political means to

30th month today, with Arabs saying it will carry on indefinitely.

PLO urged to

May 9 to mark 29 months since the revolt erupted.

reported on April 28.

The statement described the incident as

"both ominous and inexplicable."

The palace said the incident took place on Friday, April 27 at 4:00 pm (1300) GMT), when Hussein -- accompanied by his 10-year-old son, Hamazh and his 7year-old daughter, Iman - was planning

Intifada full steam ahead

Enters 30th month: Arabs vow to carry on

to go on a fishing trip.
The spokesman said Hussein's USbuilt, 54-foot Bertram "Sports Fisherman" left the marina outside the royal residence in Agaba and was escorted by a

Betran 31 boat carrying Hussein's security

Jordan confirms Israeli firing

Hussein owns a royal palace in Adaba, about five kilometres (2 miles) west of the Israeli border, overlooking both the Jordanian Port of Aqaba and the Israeli resort

Io which organisation the dead men belonged but suspected they intended to launch a cross-border raid into Israel. (Reuter wirephoto)

"They were the leadership, but the leadership is a living changing

A military court yesterday jailed Abed Rabo for 42 months, saying

that as a representative of the dominant Fatah organisation he was

Prosecuting Captain Yaron Levy said Abed Rabo helped draft leaflets 32 and 34 calling for Palestinians to use knives, stones and petrol

Court sources said Abed Rabo

denied inciting violence and said

his role in the revolt was exaggerated. "I was only a small cog in the organisation," he told the

Levy named leading Palestin-

ian publicist Sari Nusscibeb as

hriefing Abed Rabo and others

named in Israeli courts as an

organiser of the uprising but has

so far been snared prosecution

due to what Israeli officials des-

cribe as "extra-judicial con-

and the outside world bave

wearied of daily confrontations

between Arab protesters and

Israeli troops, hut the struggle

attacking the soldiers with

stones, enforcing strikes, putting up (outlawed Palestinian) flags all over. But the journalists har-

dly ever come bere so nobody

knows about it except us," a

Arabs since the uprising erupted on December 9, 1987. Palestin-ians have killed 201 fellow-Arabs

suspected of aiding Israel and 44

Journalists on a visit to the

West Bank town of Ramallah

last week saw little evidence to

back Israeli statements that the

uprising was running out of

Roads in the centre were

impassable, barricaded by Pales-

tinians with rocks, burning tyres

and rubbish bins. Shops were

closed in a strike ordered by the

Jews have died in the unrest.

Israelis have killed at least 647

Hebron doctor said.

"The kids are still out there

Palestinians say journalists

siderations.

goes on.

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Nusseibeh has repeatedly been

before they wrote the leaflets.

obviously senior to members of other groups captured with him.

numbered 55, called for strike action.

thing," a Nahlus activist said.

Turkey, Iraq

agree border

security plan

ANKARA, May 9, (Reuter): Turkey

and Iraq are planning a border security protocol to replace one which allowed bot pursuit into Iraq before it expired two years ago, the foreign ministry said today.

ministry said today.

The sldes exchanged written proposals during Turkish Prime Minister Yildirim Akbulat's visit to Bagbdad last week, ministry spokesman Murat Sungar said.

Sungar declined to say whether the new accord would also allow Turkish forcest to accord to the proposition.

forces to pursue Kardish separatists

Turkey has been fighting since 1984

to quell the insurgency by the marxist Kurdish Workers Party in the south-

eastern region bordering fram, Iraq

Sungar also said Syria would attend a round of Turkish-Iraqi ministerial talks in Ankara next month to draft a scheme for the equitable sharing of the waters of the Emphrates river. The issue has been a bone of conten-tion between Ankara and its two

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diverted the river for one month in

Sungar said about 700 Kurdish

refugees who fled to Turkey in 1988 to

escape an Iraqi military campaign had returned home this week under a two-mouth amnesty declared by Baghdad

He said the total number of refugees had now fallen below 30,000. The min-

istry last week said a UN-sponsored plan to build homes in central Turkey for 13,000 refugees living in tents in

southeastern Diyarbakir province had

been scrapped after protests from

January to fill a new dam.

stream neighbours since Turkey

into Iraqi territory.

bomhs against Israelis.

The Gulf of Aqaba is six nautical miles wide in its northern reaches. Egypt, Saudi

northern waters.

The Palace said Hussein was heading towards Phairoh's Island in Egyptian territory, near the Egyptian resort of Taha.
The statement said Hussein was stand-

ing on deck while the boat was still in Jordanian waters and noticed an Israeli naval boat approaching.

It added: "When about a quarter of a mile away, the Israeli boat commenced firing from its main guns in a southwes-terly direction, where water spouts marked the fall of some of the shots."

Israel strikes critics

bours and other critics.

asked the General Assembly and circulated reports are planned.

The reports to date cover Burkina Faso, Cuba, Iraq, Laos, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania,

regularly criticise Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the occupied territories, seized by Israel in the 1967 Middle East

"The purpose of issuing these reports is to demonstrate that there is no use in singling out Israel when so many violations are committed in other countries." said Tally Ben-Tsevi, information

"There are many more countries that are cited for many more serious buman rights violations in the report," she said. Israel hopes that next year, she

Zadki Labib Terzi, observer of Palestine, said on May 1, that the committee's decision to circulate the US report reflected "the question of an occupying power, rather

He told the committee that Israel's response in publishing human rights violations in other countries was "a campaign of slander against this committee."

committed by Israel against the Palestinian people were much greater than those being committed by other countries."

back at

diplomats said, is to highlight the hypocrisy of those who denounce Israel's treatment of Palestinians while reportedly oppressing their own people.

But Arab and other envoys said Israel merely is seeking to deflect attention from its own abuses of Palestinians, which they say violates international law, and to "derail" criticism of Israel.

Security Conneil to circulate copies of the 1989 US state department report on human rights practices in 10 countries. More

committee on the exercise of the inalienable rights of the Palestin-ian people, which has 23 regular ers and 23 observers.

officer of the Israeli mission.

said, the committee on Palestinian rights will not publish the Israel portion of the US report.

Indianant Arab and other envoys were indignant that Israel pointed to argued that the internal human hts problems are the business of

Terzi added, "the crimes being

UNITED NATIONS, May 9, (AP): Israel, angered hy UN accusations that it violates the human rights of Palestinians, is striking back and publishing US State Department reports on rights violations by its Arab neigh-

The purpose of pointing out the human rights records of Israel's adversaries, Middle East

Circulate

In the past month, Israel has

Pakistan, Senegal and Syria.

All are members of the UN

The committee members

Earlier this year, the committee, which is headed by Senegal, ested that the official US State Department report on the buman rights situation in the occupied territories be circulated to the General Assembly and Security Council.

their own shortcomings. They the nation concerned, but Israel is an occupying power violating buman rights outside its own territory.

than domestic questions."

Attempt to revive ancient Syrian steam baths

DAMASCUS, May 9. (Reuter): Near the Biblical street called 'Straight' in old Damascus, a narrow, ornate door opens onto a richly furnished room.

Soaring columns sunport a central cupola. A fountain gently plays. The perspiration running down the faces of the men jars strangely with the cool atmosphere. This is the barrani, the outside room of the oldest steam baths in Syria, which leads to moist marbled halls where

muscled masseurs hring grunts from perspiring clients. "I am trying to revive the tradition of using the bath as a social centre," owner Mufaa Hammami told Reuters. "My ancestors all worked as bathers, and my family bas had these baths for 80 years except for a break during the (1968) revolution when the government nationalised the baths. They returned them in 1979," he said. His family

name, Hammami, means bather in Arabic. Family tradition runs to the workers ton, in the room immediately down the narrow, marble-flagged corridor from the barrani, Adnan Haj Ahmed, 31 squats in the illowing steam and follows the trade of his father.

opened Monday.

Clad only in white underpants, Ahmed works from 3 pm to midnight, apparently oblivious to temperatures of 40 to 45 degrees centigrade (104 to 113 Fahrenheit).

"My father used to do this work, I inherited his joh and have been here since 1980." he said, vigorously ruhbing with the rough horse-hair glove on his right hand the soaped, tingling skin of Youssef Mobammed.

This is called "abrasive cleaning" -- an extra 10 Syrian pounds (one US dollar at the tourist airport rate, or 50 cents at the bank), on top of the 40 Syrian pounds for the

Mohammed grunts, as well he might, at the doublelisted blow signalling he should turn over for a bit of abrasion on the back.

Stretched on the marble floor awash with soapy water. Mohammed asserts: "Steam is very good for refreshing the body and the soul."

Bath owner Hammami, invoking tradition, supports this view: "The bath was tied to religious and social duries
— for cleansing and to prepare for worship."

Hammani, a young-looking 54, said he took a bath every day. "It's very good for the circulation."

In the next room, the claim of refreshing power is not immediately apparent. At 60 degrees centigrade (140)

Fahrenheit) the steam permeates the body, filming it with perspiration.

But the cool waters scooped over the body by reclining customers, from low, ornate marble basins in alcoves round the steaming room, attest to well-being born of apparent Suffering.

According to the New Testament, the nearby street called Straight was where St Paul recuperated from the temporary blindness that accompanied his dramatic conversion to Christianity on the road to Damascus.

The haths, in the spice market, were built 700 years ago by Sultan Noureddin, fired by wood, for the pleasure of travellers staying in nearby Caravanserais. Today the cauldrons of steam are heated by electricity.

Ex-hostages recall ordeal

Entebbe reunions

TEL AVIV. May 9. (AP): Shat Gross vividly recalls those terrifying moments as a six-year-old hostage, crouching beneath his mother's dress to hide from armed hijackers who commandeered an Air France jetliner 10 Africa.

A week later, Gross and his parents were among the 102 passengers rescued in a legendary Isrueli commando raid at Entehbe airport, Ugunda, on July 4, 1976. Three hostages and an Israeli soldiers were killed in the raid.

His story is one of the dramatic accounts tuld last night at a reunion of the more than 100 soldiers and former hostages involved in Israel's bold rescue of the civilian captives. The gathering at a seaside hotel was called to launch a college

scholarship fundraising drive in memory of Lt Col Yonalan Netanyahu, the mission commander killed at age 30 in the raid.
"I couldn't even cry," said Gross, 20, nuw an air force technician, referring to his memories of the eight days he spent at gunpoint. "I didn't know what struck me. I had never before seen

a grenade or a gun."
Yitzhak Rahin, who was then prime minister, compared the Entenbe crisis to current efforts to free captives in Lebanon. "My policy has been that when you have a hostage situation, soldiers or civilians, if there's a military option, you use it. If not, then enter an exchange deal. For that you have to have the

cards," Rabin said. Despite US pressure on Israel to free Arah prisoners for bostages, Israel has conditioned any deal on the release of three Israeli soldiers believed held captive by pro-Iranian militants in

Rahin said planning and executing the Entehbe rescue mission

was a nerve-wracking affair. "I suffered more than a few stomachaches over that decision. So many options were proposed and ruled out," he said. In the raid, Israeli aircraft flew 2,400 miles (3,860 kilometres) to rescue

the hostages and engaged Ugandan troops in battle.

The hijacked Air France flight, carrying 244 passengers and 12 crew, had originated in Tel Aviv. It was commandered by three terrorists after a stopover in Athens on June 27, 1976. The Marxist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for the hijacking.

The aircraft was first taken to Benghazi, Libya and then flown

to Entehbe. Non-Israeli passengers were freed and hijackers demanded the release of Arah prisoners in exchange for the rest. Gross remembers that within minutes of commandeering the plane, the hijackers, a German woman and two Arabs, took children to the front of the plane.

He recalled his fear at the thought of separation. "What would they do to me," he said. "My mother took me right away and hid me beneath her dress, under the seat, t sat there 2 1/2 hours, He said the rescue was also frightening since hostages were unaware at first that the shooting they suddenly heard in the terminal — to which they had been taken from the airplane —

was by Israeli soldiers.

US aid bill for Israel growing

No change likely

WASHINGTON, May 9, (AP): With its economy in dire straits, Israel came to the United States in 1982 for a favour. Would it pay the full year's \$910 million in economic aid and all at once, instead of the usual quarterly installments?

The US government said yes. Eight years later, the Israeli economy is in bettershape, but the unique treatment for israel's foreign aid remains a part of US law. Not only does Israel still get its aid money up front each year, but since

it doesn't need it immediately, it uses the money to huy US treasury bonds
— loaning the United States back its own cash and earning an additional \$76.7 million in interest.

The cost to taxpayers doesn't stop there. To make the immediate payment to Israel each year, the United States must borrow the aid funds,

at an additional interest cost of up to \$70 million.

US law is suffused with such special treatment for its Middle Eastern ally, with a value this year of \$742 million, on top of \$3 billion in cash foreign aid. And the list of special provisions is likely to grow this week n lawmakers deal with a bill containing \$400 million in loan guarantees to build bousing for Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel.

The Senate's version of the hill would waive some \$25 million in

administrative fees, along with the usual requirements on eligibility for the bousing and auditing of the money. A competing bouse version is silent on the concessions, and conferees are scheduled to meet to work out the differences. Dozens of provisions already in the law confer special status to Israel in

business and financial dealings, trade, military co-operation and global politics. And like the advance aid payments, many remain in effect even though they have outlived their original justifications. Supporters of Israel note its strategic position in the unstable Middle Ease, its valuable sharing of intelligence information about the region and about global terrorism, and shared political and religious values

between the two countries.

Much of the aid also is portrayed as a reward for the 1979 Camp David peace accord with Egypt, in which Israel gave up large tracts of land and access to oil wells, or as a bulwark against threatening Arab neighbours. But a few members of Congress are beginning to raise questions about the aid, particularly in light of new competing demands for scarce aid dollars from emerging democracies in Eastern Europe and Latin

'In the long run, I do not think the present high levels of aid are good for Israel or good fur the United States," said Congressman Lee Hamilton, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the

"It should not be looked on as an entitlement programme," said Hamilton, who has sought to change the foreign aid law to eliminate special-interest provisions dealing ant only with Israel, but with other recipients as well

Along with the rise in competition for aid dollars, Israel's popularity has been strained. Many in the United States, including some in the administration of President George Busb, resent Israel's harsh tactics in quelling the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The administration is also frustrated by the increasing hard line of tsrael's Likud government and its unwillingness to start talks on Palestinian self rule.

But despite the new atmosphere, the aid to Israel remains secure. That was demonstrated by a test vote last week in the house, when a resolution affirming occupied Jerusalem as the capital of Israel passed 378 to 34. "You are not going to see anybody in Congress suggest that the Middle East get less money than the administration asked for," said Congressman David Obey, chairman of the Appropriations Foreign Operations

'Nobody is going to take onto their own shoulders the responsibility for blowing up what is already a bighly volatile situation," he said. One of Israel's staumchest supporters, Rep. Larry Smith, said there has been a subtle shift in the past decade toward increased Israeli security that

marginally affects the need for US help. "But put yourself in the skin of the Israelis. To them, not a lot has changed," he said. "And it's compounded by the paranoia of a very imperfect, non-functioning political system.

To make any fundamental change in aid now would not only worsen Israel's internal situation but would "send the worst signal of all" to neighbouring Arab states which are privately beginning to accept Israel's right to exist, Smith said.

Israel's preferred status dates to President Harry S. Truman's recogni-tion of the newly formed state on May 14, 1948. Since then, the United States has paid out \$45.8 billion in direct aid, making it the top recipient in the world of American money.

That figure does not include the bundreds of millions of dollars Israel receives in indirect help from the United States, such as the advance aid payment provision or the likely waiver of bousing loan guarantee fees.

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Virus attacks this year's cucumber crop

No conclusive evidence of cause

A VIRUS similar in kind to the ooe that attacked tomato crops last year, has this year afflicted cucumbers, a local daily repor-

Khalil Mahmoud, oweer of one of the affected farms situated Al Wafra area told a local

Saudis

reject

sheep

ABU DHABI, May 9, (Reuter):

Saudi Arabia has rejected a ship-ment of 55,000 Australian sheep on the grounds they were too old.

livestock traders in the Gulf said

Saudi Arabia does not accept

Last year the kingdom rejected

shipments of more than 400,000

Australian sheep, claiming they

were infected. The Saudi action

led to a suspension of Australian

shipoients of live sheep to the

Shipments resumed in Decem-

ber and Australian industry

sources said then they would no

longer use the Gulf as a dumping

ground for old sbeep, a by-

product of their wool industry.

Industry sources said this was

Livestock traders io the Gulf

the third load of Australiao

sheep Saudi Arahia had rejected

since the shipments resumed.

said over-age sheep rejected by the Saudis had arrived in the

United Arah Emirates (UAE)

port of Ras Al Khaimah on Tues-

Kuwait aid

to Lebanon

BEIRUT, May 9, (Kuna): Hundreds of tons of relief aid

supplies donated by Kuwait to

war-torn Lehauon today

arrived in the Lebanese Al-

Masnaa checkpoint, on the

Kuna learnt that the

representative of His Highness

the Crown Prince and Prime

Minister of Kuwait, who is

supervising the delivery of the

aid. Sheikh Mubarak Faisal

Saud Al Sabah and Kuwait's

Ambassador to Syria Ahmed

Abdul Aziz Al Jassem bave

accompanied the convoy of

trucks carrying the aid to

Forty trucks carrying some 800 tons of foodstuffs and

medical supplies are carrying

the Kuwaiti assistance, in the

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sbeep that are more than three

years old, they said,

Gulf for four months.

daily that his farms which have been provided with the latest agricultural technology including airconditioning systems and automatic irrigation systems have not been spared. The virus which allacked his crop of cucumbers caused them to

Trailer mess

shrivel in size and their colour instead of the normal green turned yellow.

He added that he had purchased top-quality seeds which

This trailer hit a vanette while travelling at top speed on the Fifth Ring Road Tuesday. The trailer turned on its side spilling its cargo of sand while the vanette was thrashed. Both drivers suffered minor injuries.

Rearing children

women planned: Hassan

Meanwhile the ex-assistant undersecretary at

Kuwait's Ministry of Justice, Mansour Al Bualjan

said that Kuwait still needs to exert more efforts to

provide sufficient care to the development of chil-

dren on the home-front, schools, playgrounds and

drugs is a patriotic duty and added that programmes

in different areas could not realise their objectives

in this respect, the official commented that he is

totally in favour of capital punishment being meted

suffers from several problems that entail the need to

conduct field studies to redress these problems,

particularly the issue of divorce and its ramifications

that the relevant psychological and educational

studies had determined that the main features of

charactet huilding could be defined during the for-

mative childhood stage. He commented that paying

paramount importance to children's educational

care is essential to huilding their personalities and their capability to adopt to social changes. As an

overview, he said that all civilised countries of the

world are keen to set up necessary health and

psychological care units in addition to modern

educational institutions and allocate large budgets

Meanwhile, the official called for periodically

reviewing laws, as they are tailored to organise social

relations and each law should reflect the principles

Speaking of the juvenile care house, Bujain said

on children, the ex-official said.

to achieve these aims.

He went on to state that the Kuwaiti community

Speaking to a local daily, he said that eradiction of

Nurseries to aid career

have been used in Kuwait for several years and have proved their quality. However, be said, he helieved that the cause of the virus lay in the particular type of insecticides sprayed in the agricultural process.

He said that oo his own

initiative he bad consulted with experts from Germany and Hungary to determine the cause and type of the virus. Unfortunately. he added till the present time that bave yet to come up with any conclusive evidence or recommendations.

KU committee

THE steering committee set up by the university to amend the academic courses, held nine meetings in this cootext, the last of which was held last Saturday, the deap of studeous of Kuwait University, Dr Abdulla Al Fihaid said.

The committee is headed by the dean of admission and registration and includes represenstudents union. The committee of the charter and also reached consensus to have a preparatory year to qualify students to joic

present problems relating to warnings and registration and other bottlenecks and commented that the second memo relates to amendments on the academie

Standards He added that according to amendments on the charter, the students who fail to keep standards in the second session after applying the system of the preparatory year will be dismissed from the university. But these proposals and amendments are still being reviewed and studied hy the relevant authorities in the university. He added that this system is applied in most US universities. Erring studeots are liable to be dismissed after one year of joining university which is a sufficient period to judge their abilities. These students can join institutes or government establishments. But this amend-

university, he said. Commeeting on meetings with the students union, Fihaid pointed out that the steering committee adopted many proposals passed by the union to amend the articles of the charter. However, he said that administration of university cannot

Internal charter may be amended

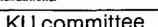
tatives of different faculties and decided to amend some articles different faculties or majors.

it as from September 1991.
Fihaid said that the preparatory year will solve the

ments will be reviewed by the deans committee prior to being sent for approval to the council of the university and the steering committee has recommended offering a unified timetable to newcomers in the first session to avoid negative aspects of registration that usually are encoun-

tered by newcomers.

accept all demands and proposals of students.



Proposal

proposal of the preparatory year was welcomed and supported by different faculties, he said aod added that the administration intends to apply

He said that these amend-

ment was not accepted by the higher administration of the

Barges strongly condemns Iraq smear campaign

Hostile face of West

BAGHDAD, May 9, (Kuna): President of the Federation of Arah News Agencies (Fana) Barges Hmoud Al Barges has stroogly condemned the fierce campaign hy the West against Iraq and urged the Arah countries to

stand by Iraq. In a message to the Arab Popular Conference for Solidarity with Iraq currently in session here. Barges noted that this campaign has shown that the Western circles would resort to all means to find justification for

striking at this Arah country.

This fierce campaigo had unveiled the West's hostile face to the Arah nation, its aspiratioos and national causes," Barges said in his message, published hy the Iraq News Agency, INA. Blockade

Barges stressed that "Iraq's steadfastness and victory in the Gulf war has annoyed the colooial countries which hoped its defeat to be able to return again to the Arab area and steal its wealth and govern the Arab

nation's economy, population and natural resources.

trial production.

He said the Western couotries, blocking the export of high technology to the Arab world, are pleased in seeing the Arah people defeated and underdeveloped to be only a consumer of bad indus-

Indignation

The goals and aims of the Western campaign agaiost Iraq have become disclosed, he stressed ooung that the hostile circles in co-ordination with the Zionist intelligence have used all capabilities to track down a number of pipes through Europe to hlock them from reaching Iraq alleging that they will be used in manufacturing a giant canon that threatens Israel.

Barges expressed astonisbment over the Western countries' hypocrisy in claiming the support of world peace on the Arabs' account, while piling destructive weapons and daily providing Israeli military arsenal with air-

craft and missiles "knowing that Tel Aviv sleeps on a huge nuclear storage capable of demolishing the Arah world."

Barges expressed indignation of Tel Aviv-London-Washington's propaganda and attempts. to intervene in Iraq's internal affairs and questioned the right of the Arabs to resist the perils of

Iraq bas restored part of the information posed hy the Zionists. Iraq bas restored part of the information of the Araba ler succession. extinction posed by the Zionists. usurped dignity of the Arabs after succeeding in manufacturing a delerrent weapon isntead of begging preventive masks of the Israeli atomic bombs from the

He added it is time for the hostile campaign to stop because its continuity will encourage the Zionist entity to launch a new attack against Iraq after preparing the atmospheres and Western public opinion.

Barges expressed bope that Arah countries would overcomedisputes and shoulder responsibilities and undertake practical measures to side by Iraq.

Warm welcome for Zayed in Beijing

BEIJING, May 9. (Kuna): Chinese President Yang Shangkun met bere yesterday afternoon with Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan, President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), who is here on a five-day

The Xinhua news agency reported that during the meeting, Yang extended a warm welcome to Zayed and his party, wishing his visit a success. "I hope leaders of our two countries will exchange frequent visits in the future." Yang said.

Zayed said his current visit will serve as "a firm basis for further developing the friendly relations between our two countries." "I believe," Zayed said. "such friendly relations are in the interests of the two peoples and I bope this friendship will last forever."

The two presidents expressed their shared wish that coontries of the world will live together and co-operate with each other as friends, so that people can have a better life in a peaceful, stable environment.

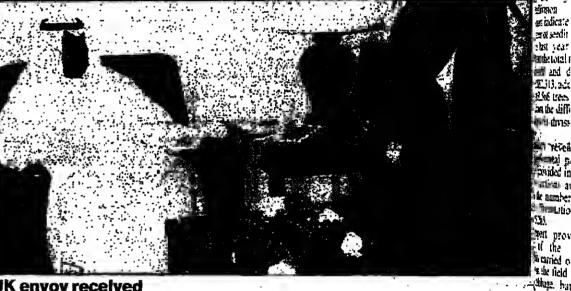
Backfill site in Sulaibiya

THE chairman of wastes backfill department at Kuwait Mundepartment at Kuwait Municipality Khalifah Al Tomayan was quoted as saying that the removal process of remains of construction materials at Al xautiliant Qurain Housing Project bave 1087

In an interview with the daily Al Seyassah, the official said that a specific place for backfilling of such materials has been devoted distribute at Al Sulaibiya area near the cool of Seventh Ring Road. The and capacity is estimated at SOUND and capacity is estimated at SOUND and capacity is estimated at SOUND and countries.

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UK envoy received

The Director-General of Kuwail's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Sheikh Jaber Muharake. The Abdullah Al Ahmed Al Sabah received at his office recently the Ambassador of United Kingdom to Kuwait. Michael Weston on the oceasion of his appointment as new ambassador of UK to Kuwait. aa bid i Talks between the official and the envoy dealt with air transport between UK and Kuwalt. ian and

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GARAGE GENERAL FOREMAN

THE Kuwaiti Society for Arah Childhood progress

will undertake a study on the establishment of a non-

profitable private institution that seeks to huild and

run kindergartens for children of working women in Kuwait, the chairman of the society and former

The project will reduce dependence on non-

qualified maids and baby-sitters in houses. The

official said and added that the idea of the project

was born when he was on a visit to Japan. The

Japanese people give special concern to kindergar-

tens and primary stage to insure secured and distinct

future for their children. All Japanese children join

kindergartens as compared to only 20 per cent of

children in Kuwait and one per cent in the Arah

bearing costs of education in kindergartens, the

official said and added that the proposed institution

can get contribution from charity societies and

Zakal House, including education, social affairs and health ministries. The Health Ministry is in-

Nominee

Trustee Council of Faculty of Namora for advanced

administrative studies in Japan. Dr Hassan Al Ihra-

him said a former Brazilian minister and dean of

husiness administration faculty at Harvard Univer-

sity in USA are also members in the council. He

added that the faculty was established in 1980 by

Namora company which is one of the leading Japan-

ese companies specialised in hanks and shares. The faculty was established to train staff of the country and employees of other companies, he said.

Commenting on being nominated as member of

charge of kindergartens in Japan, he said.

This project is lotended to help the government in

countries, the chairman said.

education minister Dr Hassan Al Ihrahim said.

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Bull-fighting arenas to be built in Oman

MUSCAT, May 9, (AP): A string of hull-fighting arenas will be built alone Oman's northern Batinah coast to encourage traditional sports

in the sultanate. government officials said yesterday.

The first is presently under construction at Al Miraisi in the Barka region, 90 kilometres (56 miles) from Muscat, at a cost of 25,000 riyals (\$64,500), according to estimates.

Another will be at Sohar, 230 kilometres (144 miles) northwest of

Muscat. The Batinah coast is a plain stretching 270 kilometres (169 Burka is famous for its desert bull-fighting tradition and crowds of

hundreds turn up to watch the spectacle at weekends and on public Difference

Omani bullfighting differs from the traditions of the Spanish Corrida. It is not a blood sport and the bulls live to fight another day. The bulls do all the fighting, no humans participate. A referee selects a pair of animals from among the scores of bulls brought to the bull-ring by Batinah farmers and the two are pitted against each other across a sandy arena with no barriers. Onlookers watch the action sitting on the gravel piled around the

In the test of strength often lasting only a few minutes, the beasts lock horns until one is forced to the ground.

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Kuwait reiterates support to Taif accord New code for hiring

Concern over Palestinian rights

BEIRUT, May 9, (Kuna): Kuwaii s ambassador lo Syria has reiterated his country's support to the Taif accord worked out by Lebanese parliament members last October describing it as ao embodiment of the Arahand international

In an interview with the Lebanese Al-Liwa" newspaper Ambassador Ahmed Abdul Aziz Al Jassem said it is hoped that the Lebanese legitimate authority would spread its control on all Lebanese soil in a way that preserves the country's unity,

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THE chairman of the Public

Authority for Agricultural

Affairs and Fish Resources

Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al

Sabah has said that agricultural

statistics is one of the basic scien-

ces necessary for the progress of

advanced and developing

He told a local daily that the

provision of accurate statistical data is the basis for laying down

and developing agricultural

the annual report for the auth-

ority that the establishment of a

reliable statistical data base is

essential for researchers, plan-

ners and ecocomists who need to

refer to it for accurate informa-

tion to lay down plans and

programmes for national

development to be better able to

serve the required social and

ing distribution of staff based on prilifessional and ducation qualifications and an account of

the activities and works carried

out hy the Agricultural Guidance Division.

The report indicated that the

lotal number of seedlings grown

over the last year reached

534,919, and the total number of

seedlings sold and distributed reached 2,582,313, adding that a

total of 468,568 trees were dis-

tributed from the different our-

and that the number of trees

planted on afforestation projects

The report provided an account of the different

experiments carried out by the

authority in the field of grown

tomato, cabbage, barley, egg-plant and polato on the farms in

Abdali. Wafra and Rabia, and

which aims at developing the use

of fertilisers in a bid to improve

their efficiency and ultimately

Nursing week

reached 27_285...

upgrade crop yield.

ma parks divisions acobe

The report included the exist-

He said upon presentation of

development plans.

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as bearing

independence and sovereignty. On the material assistance which the government of Kuwait has sent to Lebanon, Jassem said this is a national duty toward an Arab people with the aim

Concern

of alleviating its suffering.

On the extraordinary Arah summit eonference that is proposed to be held in Baghdad later this month, the ambassador said Kuwait is with the holding of any Arah gathering, anywhere in the Arab

Hamad elected CBK chairman

The Commercial Bank of Kuwait conducted the

elections of a new Board of Directors during the

Ordinary and Extraordinary Genaral Meetings of

shareholders held at the bank's head office on

Sunday 6th May 1990 at 4:30 pm.
The meeting which was held with a quorum

representing 92 per cent of the lotal number of shareholders was opened by Chairman Hamad Ahmad Abdul Latif Al Hamad who thanked Iha

altendees for their intensive response. He then wel-

comed tha representatives of the Ministry of Com-

merce & Industry Messrs, Hussain All Al Attal, Abdul Rahman Sager Al Anezi and Farid Abdulla Al Asfour

and praised their efforts in monitoring and following

The agenda included a number of lopics lor

discussion mainly tha election of a new board of

directors for the coming three years as per Article 15.

of the bank's memorandum & articles of associa-

tion. The strongly competed elections lasted until

up the minules of the two general meetings.

By Mohammed Al Barjes

THE assistant head of driving tests section at Farwaniya Traf-

fic department Cap. Anwar Al-

Barjes has said that the General

Traffic Administration does its

best to offer all facilities to people

who perform the driving test

according to the regulations in

force. He underscored the fact

that written exams are no less important than the practical traf-

fic test because being aware of

traffic rules protects the life of

fail in the driving test can have

endless chances to repeat the test

and added that applicants can-

not perform the driving test

before passing the written exam.

If they succeed in the written

exam and fail io the driving test

they can only repeat the driving

test without need to repeat the

About 180 to 200 persons per-

ing her io selling the hashish. A small gun

with several bullets were also seized with

the last accused.

form the driving test at Farwan- .

He disclosed that those who

driver and public.

written exam agaio.

world, that is in the public Arah interest, As for the Soviet-Jewish emigration to the occupied territories, the ambassador said his country has expressed concern and

denounced the influx of Soviet Jews to occupied Palestine. Hestressed that if the Jews have the right

to leave the Soviet Union, they should not have the right of confiscating the freedom of the Pulestinians and of deporting them from their lands.

On the elections to be held next month for the National Council, the Kuwaiti

09:00 pm and resulted in the election of the following

The New Board of Directors held a meeting and

elected Hamad A.A. Al Hamad Chairman and Mr

Faisal Yousul Al Marzook Depurty Chairman. Pic-

tures show (above) Hamad and Allal llanked by

Aslour and Anezi and (below) crowded election hall.

1. Sheikh Nasser Al Athbi Al Sabah

3. Jassım Misharı Al Bader

4. Faisal Yousuf Al Marzook

6. Sulaiman Khalil Al Yassin

8, Fawaz Ibrahim Al Qatlan

7. Anwar Abdul Aziz Al Ussaimi

9. Raed Mohammed Al Hamad

10. Abdulla Rashed Bu Oamaz

Reserve members:

Wael Yousuf Al Nist

Hassan Ali Al Ibrahim

Ibrahim Saleh Al Tharban

2. Hamad Ahmad Abdul Latil Al Flamad

5. Sheikh Fahed Salem Al Ali Al Sabah

ambassadur said this council would be for an interim period of four years during which the Kuwaiti people would study and evaluate their democratic experiment, and on the light of this new national assembly members would be elected in accordance with the 1962 constitution.

He further said that this would take place after working out regulations and guarantees for solid basis for the Kuwaiti democratic march under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al

600 local passports reported stolen

A TOTAL of 600 Kuwaiti passports were reported lost or stolen during 1988, according to the assistant undersecretary for Nationality and Travel Documents Affairs at Kuwait's Ministry of Interior, Sheikh Mohammed Khaled Al Sabah.

In an interview with Kuna, the official said that the implications of the loss of this large number of passports cannot be ignored. He commented that strict measures must be instituted to curtail this

Speaking of the possibility of forging the Kuwaiti passport, the official said that the Kuwait passport had been targeted for theft to be used for illegal actions which aim among other things at defaming the country's reputa-tion locally and internationally. Precautions

He clarified that although the possibility of the Kuwaiti passport being forged is slim, precautionary measures should be adopted.

Meanwhile, the official called on citizens to abide by the ins-tructions issued by the Ministry of Interior which had been designed to facilitate their travel, parlicularly during the summer vacation. He added that citizens should ensure that their passports are secured at all times and should immediately report their loss to authorities.

Kuwait has 2nd biggest ship fleet

THE director of maritime affairs department at the Communicauons Ministry Abdul Raheem Al Yagout has said that Kuwait has the second higgest fleet in the Arab area and occupies the 22nd position among the 131 member states of the International Marine Organisation. The department is going to extend the use of computers in some sections of the department and is planning to enhance marine services in co-operation with several concerned authorities. The plan is one of the activities of the department in the field of

marine safety, he said. Yagout pointed out that the department began preparing for a meeting in co-operation with other concerned authorities, to discuss amending the law to protect sea water from oil pollution. The department offered several facilities in the last period like opening offices at sea clubs and fishermen diwaniya to register small ships and boats (touristic and fishing boats) without the need to refer to the Ministry of Communications the official said. He added that the department in co-operation with the Kuwait Institute of Scientific Research (Kisr) arranged for training courses for Kuwaiti youths to graduate supervisors of pollution and assistant maritime surveyors and disclosed that a number of Kuwaiti specialists are working in the department. He added that there are about 12,000 small ships and more 1,500 hig ships including the commercial fleet and oil tankers registered at the department. He added that the department is coocerned in following up local and international laws and charters on maritime affairs.

Abdul Rahman Mshari Al Nuaimi Mahdi Hassan Al Mousa Jassem Mohamed Kamal Khaled thrabeem Al Ragam Mohamed Yousef Al Oraifan Ahmed Thunyan Al Mishari Mubarak Mohamed Al Mutairi Jamal Rashed Al Hajiri Sami Al Mbeini

Saleh Al Ebailani

didates who registered on the tenth

Fawzi Ali Al Mudaf Abdul Mohsen Mohammed Al Boudai Mohamed Mubarak Al Mutawa Mohamed Allam Al Kathemi Bader Naser Al Bishr

Fouad Sulaiman Al Kena'i Ahmed Sulaiman Al Fozan Anwar Abdulla Al Hassawi Nabil Ahmed Al Senan Ibraheem Abdulla Al Shihab Sulaiman Abdulla Al Kattan 3rd constituency --- Oibia

Raed Hamed Al Issa Ali Issa Al Modaf Saleh Othman Al Huwaidi Fahed Abdulla Al Sinan Adel Bader Al Khorafi Abdul Mohsen Al Shaeh Ali Issa Hassan

4th constituency — Da'ya Abdul Wahab Yacoub Abdulla Rashed Abdul Nabi Al Shirazi

Yousef Abdulla Al Roumi

pharmacists: Razzaq

KD150 for trainees

THE Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razaq Al Abdul Razzaq yesterday announced the endorsement of a new system and code of regulations for hiring pharmacists and pharmaceutical

He told a local daily that the pharmacists hiring regulations slipulate that applicants must have completed a minimum five years of university study at a well-recognised university and graduated with good grade.

He added that applicants must also have accumulated minimum three years of practical experience at a treating insultuuon and must be able to pass the qualification tests carried out by the ministry.

The minister said that applicants of Kuwaiu naulooality, those who have a diploma, M/Sc or PhD in the required specialisations, and those who were born in Kuwait and did all their pre-college studies at Kuwaiti schools, will be exemp-

ted from the second stipulation and be able to join the field trainiog programme and priority of appointment will be given to applicants whose fathers are employees at the ministry. Remuneration

He pointed out that the pharmacist field training programme runs for three years, following the first year and full evaluation of the traince will be carried out and another after completion of the two subsequent years.

He added that the trainee will be given a monthly remuneration of KD150 during the first year, which will increase by KD50 at the beginning of the following year, provided that the pharmacist passes the qualifying tests arranged by a special committee.

He also said that the seconded pharmacists will after the lapse of three years be qualified for appointment and the annual KD50 increase will continue unul a maximum limit equalling the overall salary of the grade

deserved upon appointment. As to the regulations governing pharmaceutical technicians the training field programme, the minister said that the specialist must have

completed a two-year study course after graduation from secondary school at a well-recugnised institute and have three years of practical experience, two of which in the field of treatment, and pass the tests carried out by

the ministry.

Exception will be made for those who were born in Kuwait and completed their years of schooling in Kuwait and priority will be given to graduates from local institutes and children of ministry staff.

Trainees will be given KD100 as monthly remuneration during the first year which will increase by KD25 at the outset of each subsequent year based on the evaluation results of the trainee's

567 register for polls

(Continued from Page 1) His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah last month decreed the formation of a four-year Interim National Council. The Amiri decree stipulated that the council is to be made up of 75 mem-bers, 25 of them to be appointed by

The transitional council is to decide the future of parliamentary life in the country in the light of the

was conducted in a spirit of democracy and freedom, adding the candidates were inspired by the country's national interests.

"Kuwait is a state of law and order and for this very reason It has become a safe and stable oasis and a home for the family-minded Kuwaiti people," the commentary said.

6th constituency — Faiha Ali Hamad Al Zemami

Record number of candidates

previous experience.
The previous assembly was dissolved in 1986.
Radio Kuwait said nomination

Following are the names of can-

Ashour Yousef Al Sahbagh
Fahed Saed Al Masoud
Jameel Mirza Abdulla
Abdul Latif Al Hazeem Ali Hassan Al Saffar

2nd constituency — Mirqab Haidar Ismael Al Jazzaf

Bader Yousef Al Yacoub Bader Hamed Al Jeeran Khaled Shleil Bashir Abdul Mohsen Khaled Al Aboud Hamad Ali Al Juliati Adel Abdul Rahman Al Bader Khalifa Msaed Al Khorafi Fahed Ali Al Mutairi Naser Marzouk Al Shimmari

Shaker Saed At Saed Hassan Abdul Aziz Taher Al Mutawa Mohamed Mohamed Siah Hussam Abdulla Al Roumi Mohamed Abdulla Al Sammal

5th constituency — Qadisiya Mousa Ihrahim Jraidan Mohamed Taher Al Mutawa Yousel Yacoub Al Abdulla Abdul Aziz Ali Al Mijnin Salem Hassan Malek Mohamed Abhas Al Mutawa Abdulla Othman Al Jeeran Jasem Mohamed Al Oraifan Turki Bjad Al Hamad Alı Nasser Al Mordi

Jasem Mohamed Al Anboʻi Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman Olayan Mubarak Mohamed Al Otaihi

7th constituency — Kaifan Ali Salman Bou Gaith Mohamed All Al Sharkawi Adnan Abdulla Al Ahmed Adel Othman Al Jeeran

Ayed Ali Al Hajiri Yousef Mohamed Al Madini Sami Mohamed Al Yakout Abdul Rahman Saleh Al Obeid Othman Ali Al Najdi Salem Abdul Latif Al Jaleel Mishal Ali Al Sakabi

8th constituency — Hawalli Abdul Aziz Al Kattan Bader Naser Al Kattan Aldulla Rmeih Al Anezia Khaleel Abdul Hussain Al Kahbaz Khaled Abdul Aziz Al Kajin Abdul Aziz Sulaiman Ali Fadel Aman Al Galaf Mohamed Abdulla Al Mutawa

Ali Issa Al Khodairi Abdul Razzak Khdair Kamal Hussain Abdul Ridha Al Mail

9th constituency — Rawda
Salem Ahmed Al Diuh

Jaser Khaled Al Rajihi Nasser Yousef Al Rakam Khaled Mohamed Al Thuwaini Abdul Rahman Al Havef Mohamed Ahmed Ali Al Nasser Adel Yousef Al Zewawi Bandar Abdulla Al Sbimmari Ali Hussain Awad

10th constituency — Adailiya Abdul Razzak Abdul Rahim Al Abdul Lauf Abdalla Al Rifa'i Mostafa Abdulia Al Mutawa Salah Baker Khraibet Ali Hassan Al Omar Abdul Aziz Al Khunaini

11th constituency — Khaldiya Mohamed Hussain Al Hilal Saleh Jassim Al Kattan Saleh Ibraheem Al Mijil Abdul Aziz Ghanem Al Yaseen Abdulla Rashed Al Hajiri Abdul Aziz Saoud Al Hassawi Abdul Aziz Salem Al Abdul Jader

12th constituency — Salmiya Bayan Yacoub Khalfan Abdul Aziz Yacoub Al Musalam Barrak Fahed Al Azemi

13th constituency — Rumaithiya Walced Issa Al Shaih Yacoub Yousef Sarkoub

Abdul Aziz Ibraheem Ali

14th constituency — Abraq Khaitan Khaled Abdulla Al Ajmi Mishal Saijer Al Otaihi Marzouk Falah Al Otaibi Mutlak Mohamed Al Jabiri Issam Bader Bin Shdeed Ali Abdulla Al Otaibi Khaled Ali Al Sani 15th constituency —

Farwaniya . Subeil Mohamed Al Mutain Gazi Turki Al Khaidi Shajjah Bnayan Al Adawani Nasser Mislir Al Zobi Oweid Awwad Al Inezi Eid Saheh Al Shimmari Majed Awwad Al Azemi Saed Hussain Al Rasheedi Nasser Mseir Al Inezi

16th constituency -Omariya Naef Abdulla Al Mutairi Ghannam Ali Al Muthairi Othman Mohamed Al Rukia'i

17th constituency — Jaleeb Al Shiyonkh Abdul Kareem Hilal Al Juhaidili Aloush Lafi Al Mutairi Miteb Obeid Al Motairi

18th constituency — Sulaibikhat Abdul Sattar Abdul Aziz Al Bader Abdul Hadi Migter

19th constituency — New Jahra Saoud Mishjir Al Sacedi

20th contituency - Jahra Ayyad Bshcit Al Rowei'i Mohamed Nahhar Mhcilan Al Salili Fahed Falah Al Ajmi

21st constituency — Ahmadi Falah Abdullab Al Hajiri Hameed Raja Al Rasheedi Ali Mohamed Al Ajmi Safi Midij Al Dehani Saed Rashed Al Hajiri Hamad Rashed Al Miri Mohamed Mishal Shabech Awad Zayed Al Azemi Hamad Hamdan Al Ottibi

22nd constituency - Riqqa Matrouk Abdulla Al Ajmi Marzouk Faleh Al Azemi Hamad Abdulla Al Ajmi Omair Mobamed Al Motairi

23rd constituency — Sabahiya Turki Marzouk Al Shuwaib Mubarak Ra'i Al Fahma Saoud Saed At Saed Hamad Mikrad Al Mikrad

24th constituency — Fahaheel Nasser Mohamed Al Azemi Mohamed Saed Al Hajiri

25th constituency -Umm Al Haiman Mansour Shneif Al Azemi Marouj Shaddad Al Azemi Abdulla Rashed Al Hajiri



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We are deeply indebted to the organising committee for their excellent performance in the service of the community.

street between Khairan and daily reported. The daily was commenting on From the courts

Lady-led narcotics gang arrested

a press news published tast

month indicating that April 1990

had witnessed the first sentence

to be issued against a woman for

traffic violations when a lady was

Meanwhile, the daily said that

the court was told that the lady

convicted in May 1990, iden-

tified as A.A. was 19 years of age

was drunk at the time of the

accident and further was driving

without any licence. She was

driving from Khairan Resort

together with three of her friends

One of her companions who

was sitting beside her died

immediately after the accident

which occured near Mina

Abdulla area, while another

male, identified as M.J. including

driving at high speed when she

apparently lost control and her

car hit a guide post near the main

The woman it is reported was

a girl of 20 were injured.

and they too were inebriated.

sentenced to one month in jail.

त्यामः वाही दूरे वाम (बोबप्री) JAHRA security men arrested a narcotics gang headed by a lady. A release by the Interior Ministry Public Relations Department said that information received by police showed that the lady, identified as Jatila R., Egyptian, was involved in dealing with hashish. On searching her residence in Sulaibiya area, several partners identified as Salah R., Egyptian, Bader A., non Kuwaiji and Abdul Hussain M. Kuwaiti. They were involved in assist■ AHMADI securitymen arrested Mahmoud A., non-Kuwaiji for stealing a hoat. A man reported that his boat was missing from his farm in Funaitees area. Alter some time, the best was found in Andalus with the accused. The thief admitted his

Abdul Sattar and was working as a water

eause of death.

arrest a ring operating at the airport specialised in overlooking luggage overweight against KD20 per 100 kilogram-

Investigations revealed that one of the ged passengers KD20 per each 100 kilogrammes. A trap prepared by the airport security, led to their arrest.

■ KUWAIT CITY CID personnel arrested a Saudi worker charged with smuggling and trading in liquor. The arrest was made after ten-day of

surveillance and the suspect was caught in the act of selling liquor. When questioned the accused said that

he brought the liquor by land through the help of two persons using a supermao van registered in the name of a third.

gun with four magazines of bullets and 31 cartons of liquor.

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Written exam necessary

iya Traffic Department everyday. This figure increases in

Spriog and Summer holidays

because students and teachers

usually prefer to take their tests

during these holidays, the official

said. He added that 50 per cent of

applicants pass the test and those

who fail have not qualified them-

selves hy receiving adequate

usually do not come to the driv-

ing test before studying the truf-

fic rules and signals and training.

He added that appointments of

driving tests usually do not

exceed two months although the

department is doing its best to

gement against a woman was

reported io May 1989 when a

woman identified as A.A. was

sentenced to one week in jail and

fined KD 250 hy the presiding

judge Yusuf Al Sharhah, a local

Meanwhile the first traffic jud-

shorten this period.

He noticeo that women

to pass driving test

training.

■ A JORDANIAN national, Khaled H. informed South Jahra police station that he found a dead body in a 3-metre deep pool in Amghara area used by the company for washing sand. Police found that the body belongs to a man identified. .

lavestigations were begue to find the real

■ SECURITYMEN have been able to

manager operating on an Asian route at the airport, along with four workers char-

A subsequent search of his residence led to the recovery of an automatic machine

begins May 12 KUWAIT, May 9, (Kuna): The Sixth Nursing Week opens Saturday at the Regency Palace Hotel under the patronage of HH Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah. The chairperson of the Kuwaiu nursing society Mariam Abdul Razak Al Rugm said that the week targets explaining role of the nurse.

she elaborated.

will include lectures and semin-ars to elevate scientific level of nurses and acquaint them with latest scientific developments in their line of work. The nurse's preventive and curing role in the addiction problem and fears of the kidney failure patients will be tackled in addition to hasic and-vaccine factors and several other issues.

She told Kuna that the week

Nigerian envoy

KUWAIT, May 9. (Kuna); Awkaf (Endowments) and Islamic Affairs Minister Khaled Ahmed Al Jassar today received the Ambassador of Nigeria to Kuwait, Mustafa Al Sheikh

Saleh. The minister exchanged views with the Nigerian diplomat on means of boosting bilateral cooperation to serve Islamic

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Thought for today

THE secret of happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do. - Sir James Barrie,

OPINION

Cairo's open policy hailed

THE Egyptian president's May Day address is evidence that he is not only a renowned politician, but well-versed with economic issues.

He did not promise a highly prosperous and imaginary future by announcing unfounded projects, but directly told his people about the economic conditions of the country. He explained the budget and candidly said that he would stop government subsidies. This was not done by decree, but by way of explaining the bare facts.

He said: "Subsidies go the wrong way — they go to those who do not need it," and added: "subsidies sometimes go as fodder to the animals of the 'have' and do not reach the 'have nots' for whom the subsidies were primarily inten-

He commented that he inherited a troubled economy as a direct result of politicians "toying" with the welfare of the people of Egypt.

It is said that the most risky economic issues are those run by politicians, particularly if they construe them through a political context. Since 1952, Egypt witnessed political leaders who continued to play with the economic issues to serve their political ends. They allowed politics to guide the economy, although in numerous instances, they were contradictory.

Taking a pragmatic and open stand, President Mubarak announced the cancellation of subsidies and further announced the intention of the government to sell the public sector which the state was unable to run in a proper manner. His clear explanations to his people as to the reasons for these decisions enamoured him to them and avoided any revolt — inspite of some negative propaganda by some miscreants.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Devils exorcised

Demons remain for South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, (Reuter): President F.W. De Klerk served tea to Nelson Mandela, the black leader many white South Africans would have preferred to serve a lifetime in jail.

Foreign Minister Pik Botha, the main apologist for past harsh white

governments, swapped quips with Thabo Mbeki, long exiled spokesman for an oppressed black majority.

But away from the convivial atmosphere of historie talks between the white government and the African National Congress (ANC) in Cape Town's stately Groote Schuur government mansion last week, there was a brief but rude intrusion of life at the grassroots in South Africa.

White police with clubs smashed a peaceful demonstration by a small group of hlacks on the doorstep of a hotel where Mbeki was addressing several hundred awed white South Africans, most of whom had never seen or heard his like before, oo the oced for fundamental change by whites steeped in aparthied.

The triumph of the first talks between white and hlack leaders, whose predecessors warred for 80 years across a yawniog racial divide, was that they all discovered they were no devils. "Everyone was astounded... no one had horns," said Mbeki.

Buoyed hy the discovery and a remarkably trustful relationship established by their leaders — reformist President De Klerk and Mandela, the man he freed from 27 years in jail — the negotiating teams achieved significant success in their aim of clearing obstacles to fullscale talks oo a non-racial democratic constitutioo.

They committed themselves to a oegotiated settlement and set up a plan that could lead to black political prisooers being freed and exiles allowed to return home, the state of emergency being at least partially lifted and the ANC's armed struggle being suspended.

Some analysts and diplomats argue that the agreements, and the spirit of co-operation behind them, in effect mean that a rudimentary coalitioo has been formed between the ruling National Party and the main black opposition.

They are setting up joint working groups and a hotline over which to consult regularly as South Africa gropes toward the post-apartheid future. Mandela can call De Klerk at any time.

Sources close to the talks say there was a measure of real agreement, which they declined to specify, on security and other issues that went well beyond the public programme framed in the "Groote Schuur

TODAY IN HISTORY

- Selim and Bayazid, sons of Sultan Suleimao 1 of Turkey, fight for future succession at Konia io Asia Minor. The defeated Bayazid and his supporters flee to Persia, where Bayazid is slain.

1796 — France's Napoleon Bonaparte defeats Austrians at

Lodi in Italy campaign. 1857—Sepoys revolt at Meerut, starting Iodian mutioy against

1871 — Treaty of Frankfurt ends Franco-Prussian war, France cedes Alsace-Lorraice to Germany.
1875 — Religious orders are abolished in Russia.

1933 — Paraguay declares war oo Bolivia. 1940 — Britain's prime minister Neville Chamberlain resigns in

World War II, and Winstoo Churchill forms government; Germany invades Holland, Luxembourg and Belgium. 1957 — Soviets appeal to United States and Britain to halt

1967 — US jet planes bomb power plants in North Vietnam's

port of Haiphong for first time in Vietnam, war.

1971 — Former Nazi Rudolf Hess finishes 30 years imprisonment, and Soviets iosist he serve full life sentence to Berlin's

Spandau prison.

1972 - South Vietnam's president Nguyen van Thjeu declares

1976 — Israel announces plans to establish numerous

additional settlements in occupied Arab territory. 1987 — Beirut (Lebanon) international airport reopens after

99-day shutdowo.

1988 — United States vetoes UN Security Council resolution

condemning Israel's "invasion" of southern Lebanon. 1989 — Jordan's King Hussein indicates that some detainees from wave of rioting would soon be freed.

INSIDE WASHINGTON

By Henry Brandon

Sovereignty wanted on summit agenda

Baltics to present their case

WASHINGTON: The three Baltic countries, Lithuaoia, Latvia aod Estonia, are planniog to present their case for independence from the Soviet Unioo to the summit meeting between President George Bush and President Mikhail Gorbachev in Washingtoo May 30. And they hope that hy approaching both at this occasioo they will succeed io making certain that their case will be on the agenda, that it will be discussed and force the Soviet leader to come

to grips with it.
One of the basic differences between the interpretations of the legal situations is that the Baltic countries insist that they are under Soviet occupatioo that it is therefore oot a matter of gaining independence. The Soviets on the other hand, say that they are part of the Soviet Union and that it is therefore a question as to whether they can be given independence. It is hard to see how the two sides can reach a compromise oo such a basic legal difference of view. It gets even more complicated when the Soviets iosist that whatever negotiations will take place, will be based oo Soviet law and the Balts counter hy saying that they will not acceept having to follow foreign laws.

Initiative So far it has been Lithuania, which took the initiative in seeking to establish its independence, Latvia and Estonia, though io agreement with Lithuania on independence, have not tried to pass laws to re-establish that independence. There is some feeling among Latvians and Estonians that the Lithuanians may have acted too preciptiously, especially as regards passing various laws in their Parliament to establish their independent status. But in principle their aims are the same and it is for that reason that they are now trying to co-ordinate their efforts to achieve independence from the

Soviet Union.

The three Baltic countries, according to Washingtoo sources, plan to insist that if a referendum is carried out, as Gorbachev has suggested, the basic question must not be whether they want to be independent, because they consider themselves still independent, though under occupation. They want to insist that the question to be asked in the referendum has to be: do you want to join the Soviet Unioo or not, I cannot see how Gorbachev could ever agree to this sort of phrasing. Nor is it likely that the Balts would accept a questioo, such as: Do we want to cecede from the Soviet Unioo. For in order to ohtain a vote in favour the Balts would have to win by a two-third majority which would be hard to obtain, certainly in Latvia where 50 per cent of the populations are Russians or in Estonia where 39 per cent

Where the Lithuanians have miscalculated is in expecting strong American support in their drive for independence. But whether it is in Congress or among Americans generally, the stakes involved in American-Soviet relations, are rated much higher for the United States, for the world and for peace, than the independence of the Baltic countries. In western Europe these stakes are rated even higher than here. That does not mean that Bush will not press for active neogliations between the Soviet Union and the three Baltie nations.

Gorbachev's decision not to proceed with the drastic ecocomic reforms his closest economic adv-

WASHINGTON, (AP): The United States under President George Bush has been making friendly

overtures to some countries more accustomed to

Old rivals Iran and Syria are being praised for

their role in helping win the release of American hostages. There even is evidence of a thaw with two Marxist countries that Washington has loog

This week, the government is entertaining the deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia, Daskiin Byam-

basuren, the highest ranking official from that coun-

try to visit Washington since it entered the Soviet

Three years ago, the United States and Mongoha

were not on speaking terms; now they are talking

But there's one old foe to whom the United States

has been far less welcoming: Vietnam. It was 15 years ago this week that the communist conquest of Vietnam was completed with the collapse of the

Saigoo government and the humiliatiog US depar-

Vietnam seems ready for healing wounds. But the United States is making cormalization subject to onerous cooditions, and leaving the impression that

it is psychologically difficult for it to make gestures

toward the country responsible for America's

Washingtoo is demanding that Vietnam find a solution to the decade-long conflict in Cambodia and that Haooi withdraw all its forces from that

country permanently. The United States also wants an accounting of more than 2,300 US troops still

A Time-CNN poll indicates the administration

may be out of step with public opinion on the Vietnam question. Three out of five respondents

favour an exchange of ambassadors with Hanoi.
But the Wall Street Journal believes administra-

tioo policy is right on the mark.
"Viemam remains a bastion of repression and a

threat to its oeighbours," the journal editorialized.
"It is important to insist that it first become a

civilized natioo before offering it friendly gestures... Io Asia... there has been no crackup of communist dictatorships. Neither has there been any significant

reductioo in the Pacific military might of Vietnam's

SIR: This refers to the letter published in your 'Letters

to the Editor — "Image boost" in your daily of April 28 1990, by Jacinto Diaz clearly proves that he carries some grudge against Ms Susan Rego, who was crowned Ms Goa — 1990, and her father.

Having met these wonderful people twice at func-tions held to Goa, I was much impressed. To be very frank — neither Ms Susan, nor her extrovert father

needs that image boost, for they are blessed with h in abundance. I feel that either Diaz's daughters, or sisters are in short supply of it due to their poor upbringing.

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isers had advocated are seen here as an indicatioo of his political weakness and his concern that these reforms could lead to fearfully damaging strikes, even civil war and to his fall. His economic advisers were in full agreement that far-reaching reforms were essential in order to improve not only the living cooditions of the ordinary Soviet citizens, hut also to make Soviet industry competitive with the rest of the world. They were quite candid in saying, even to foreigners, that Gorbachev waited too long and that unless he acted very soon, things would get even

I am told that Gorbachev oow hopes that the massive saviogs in defeoce will, at least for the time being, provide the funds the manpower to improve the economic situation, and do it gradually. He appareotly also hopes that with military production cut, more goods will become available for civilian use and for exports. And since his advisers are well aware that Soviet manufactured goods cannot compete oo the world markets for quality, the plan is to follow the early strategy that worked so well for Taiwan and South Korea wheo the two relied oo cheap labour and low prices to sell their manufactured goods.

An interesting cootrast has developed between Soviet and Polish public opinioo. On the basis of public speeches by labour union leaders, members of the Soviet Parliament and newspaper commentaries, the Soviet people rather live with the current shortages of food and manufactured goods than face the threat of unemployment and cuts in social security support. The poles, at least for the time being, seem to be willing to take these risks unemployment is already spreading — in the hope that they can look forward to a brighter future. Closer

1 am told oo good authority that the Bush administration is io much closer touch with the Soviet leadership than is generally known and that Bush therefore has a better appreciation of what is at stake for Gorbachev. It would have been hard to believe, even three months ago, that an American administration would have an interest in preserving a specific Soviet leader in power. What the United tates can do is of course very limited, hut at least Bush does not want to contribute to his difficulties. It is for this reason, that he wanted to make certain that the summit meeting at the end of May takes place, that certain arms cootrol agreements make more tapid progress and that the crisis with Lithuania does not upset these aims. Bush has shown himself very adept in dealing with this delicate situation. He has hi-partisan support in Coogress for his policy and, above all, among American public opioioo. His critics have failed to rally public opinion against him.

The more detached attitude of the Bush administration toward Israel also seems to have fairly broad approval. Partly, this is due to the long-drawn political deadlock that has made it impossible to achieve any progress with the so-called American peace initiative, partly to unpopular moves by members of the Israeli government, such as the occupation of St John's Hospital in the old part of occupied Jerusalem by Jewish settlers. It may well mean that the additional aid of \$400 million the Israeli government asked for will run into trouble in Congress,

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The Brish administration altogether seems to be anxious to throw oil on agitated waters. That applies to the conflicts over trade with Japan in particular. lo the last mooth or so the trade war debate between Washingtoo and Tokyo assumed such bitterness at both ends, that members of the Bush administratioo and the business community begao to wonder where it would end and whether it would oot seriously hurt a relationship that has been teouous at best. Still, it came as a surprise when Carla A. Hills, the US trade representative told Congress that Japan had made some major coocessions and that further tightening of the trade law would impede further progress. Public opinioo has grown increasiog: aoti-Japanese, but with so much at stake for the United States in Asia, especially from a security viewpoint, the administration decided not to push anti-Japanese sentiment to a poiot where it would impede future co-operatioo io other than the field of trade.

Bush has signalled to Irau, Iraq and Syria that he would prefer to pursue a more constructive policy toward these two countries if only those hostages were released. Iran, io particular, is anxious to obtain the release of its funds that are held in escrow here, since the Soviets are unlikely to give it the financial support it has been getting in the more

The most recent US efforts to improve relations with Iraq came as a surprise and were widely criticised, especially in view of the discoveries that it was engaged in major efforts to acquire long-range artillery guns and medium-range missiles.

What is obvious from these US policies is that

Bush, unlike Reagan, is not seeking confrontations hut is trying to reduce conflicts and promote negotiations. And by creating this overall impression he is reducing the chances of his critics to make an impact. He has already proved it in dealing with the attempt by the Lithuanian leadership to use the United States to advance its own immediate aims with the Soviets.

Inevitably Bush will be accused of not being a strong leader, hut ooe seeking accommodations. But there is little doubt that he has the majority of American public opinion on his side. He has been slow in ordering cuts in the defence budget, but he did oot want to undermine the American position in the arms control negotiations with the Soviets. Nor does he want the European allies to cut their forces too drastically. From an economic and political view-point, it would also hurt him if major defence cuts would lead to sudden hurtful unemployment and an economic recessioo. Although many economie experts have been predicting a recession for this year, there is now a growing belief that this is unlikely to happen. The view is spreading that the ecocomy in 1990 will remain relatively flat, but that it will not sink into a recession, even though interest rates are rising.

There is much whispering going on about the State secrets that are being quietly disclosed by East Germans as the two Germanys are heading toward unification. It must be quite uncomfortable for the Russians, whose forces are still stationed in East Germany, and even more uncomfortable for the

Greece **Another entry** for Karamanlis

ATHENS, (Reuter): Constantine Karamanlis, elected president oo Friday, has often had occided he returned home from France to over-

Karamanlis, 83, criticised his countrymen of the saw as an inclination towards political instability and prided himself on his long stays in office.

After retiring from politics several years ago. he agreed recently to stand as a presidential caodidate and was elected by the new, conservative-controlled parliament to the largely ceremonial five-year post.

The New Democracy Party, which he founded in 1974, won national elections last mooth and formed its first government since 1981 with Constantine Mitsotakis as prime minister.

Shape Karamanlis helped to shape the face of modern Greece while holding five ministerial posts shortly after World War II and as prime minister from 1955 to 1963.

And when the military juota which ruled Greece from 1967 to 1974 collapsed, Karamanlis returned home to oversee the restoration of democracy and served as prime minister again

from 1974 to 1980. His great ambitions were to modernise the economy and to integrate Greece into Western Europe. The latter goal was realised when Greece became a member of the European

Economic Community (EEC) in 1981.

Born a subject of the Ottoman Empire in the East Macedonian village of Kupkoy (later Proti) on March 8, 1907, he was the son of a local schoolmaster turned to bacco farmer. The eldest of eight children, Karamanlis earned a

degree in law in 1929. He was elected to Parliament in 1935, but from 1936, when Gen Ioannis Metaxas assumed dictatorial powers, and during the subsequent Italian invasion, German occupation and civil war, Karamanlis remaioed fargely out of politics.

Parliamentary

first election in 10 years and was named labour In 1946 he won a parliamentary seat in the

Karamanlis gained national recognition 1948, a post in which he was responsible for some 700,000 refugees from the civil war, From 1952 until 1955 he was public works minister, laying the foundations for economic

growth. His less talk, more action style prompted King Paul to appoint Karamanlis prime Karamanlis and King Paul later became embroiled in a dispute over the constitutional powers of the monarchy, Karamanlis resigned

and briefly left the country.

After much coaxing he returned to fight the November 1963 election, losing to George Papandreou's Centre Union Party.

When the Athens Junta collapsed in 1974 after sponsoring an abortive coup in Cyprus in an attempt to bring about union with mainland Greece, Turkey invaded and occupied almost 40 per cent of the Mediterranean includes 40 per cent of the Mediterranean island to protect the small Turkish-Cypriot minority Karamanlis was coaxed back from 11 years of self-imposed exile in Paris as the country was on the brink of military conflict with neighbouring Turkey. Em Sumein

Crisis

As hundreds of thousands of Athenians danar mil jo. ced in the streets to welcome him home. Karamanlis quickly set up an interim adminis tration and worked at defusing the crisis to avert what could have been a disastrous war for

both countries.

After leading his newly formed New Article Party to a landslide election vio Democratic Party to a minusing the second structure of the November 1974, he drafted a new constitution and held a referendum abolishing the second structure of the second st stitution and held a reference and all family into monarchy and sending the royal family into

He was elected prime minister in November 1974 with 54 per cent of the vote, and was re-elected in 1977 with a reduced majority.

He stepped down as prime minister in 1980, when be became president. But after a bitter battle with socialist prime minister Andreas Papandreou, he was forced to resign in 1985. Raramanlis again withdrew from politics, becoming a virtual recluse in his home in the oorthern Athens suburb of Politia.

In one of his rare statements after losing the presidency, be issued a brief comment in Janbattering Papandreou's government.

The statement, classic Karamanlis, said Said The Statement, classic Karamanlis, said The Unprecedented events happening in our Spanish Statement S country give the impression that Greece has become a vast madhouse." That was all.



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(France) notes with satisfaction that this closes the affair in particular concerning the two officers. It welcomes the definite end of a problem which had clouded relation between France and New Zealand for some time, and hopes relations can now proceed in the traditional atmost all dephase of friendship between the two countries."—Frence Foreign Ministry on a court ruling on the Rainbow Warrior sinking. Warrior sinking.

"Sometimes I get this feeling that they've rented this hous just outside Brussels and live there in sin, dropping into downtown Brussels every few days" — Joked on diplomat at a EEC foreign ministers meeting.

I want Rambo to disappear unless I'm allowed to turn him into the defender of the ecological battle to save the environment. My new Rambo will be closer to Greenpeace than to the CIA." Sylvester "Rambo" Stalione.

paper, to review the income limit for getting a family visa, or at least allow the persons to bring their families for 6 months once every two years. Mohammed Ilyas Shahid,

Dubai, Family visa

does it matter? Don't be a narrow-minded person for we all are roots of a gigantic tree — India.

Letters to the editor

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THE GREAT SAVINGS AND LOAN ROBBERY

Dr Domnic Sanches

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Third oil 'crisis' looms ahead eral years, a preside the new to the lage.

VIENNA, May 9, (Opecna): The basic thesis of the book, "Is a third oil crisis inevitable," by Dr M. G. Salameh, is quite simple, namely that unless Opec's oil production capacity increases or is iocreased dramatically, there will be a serious shortage of oil starting the middle years of the present decade. Incidentally, this is a point Opec Secretary-General Dr Subroto has been making

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repeatedly.
Dr Salameh, ao economist by training, who heads ao oil con-sultancy service in the Uoited Kiogdom, argues that the likely oil demand in the year 2000 will be 19 per cent or 539 million tonnes higher than in 1983. In order to meet it, "Opec production must increase by some 77 per cent from its 1983 level of 895.4 millioo tonnes to 1,583 millioo tonnes in the year 2000."

He maintains that though ooo-Opec producers would be pumping oil to capacity, they simply will oot have the ability to meet the shortfall. The iodustrialised world's dependence oo Opec oil will be critical — hence a

third oil crisis, unless.

Even by 1995, according to Salameh, oil demand will be higher by 13 per cent compared with 1983 and in order for it to be salistied. Opec's, 1983 capacity will need to be increased by as much as 70 per cent—from \$95.4 million consessions to:1,524.7 million toppest ", the saw on deser-

Falling

Non-Opec production, be argues, is unlikely to exceed the 1983 level of 1,860 million tonnes. In fact, it has been falling sioce 1985, he notes; and will be no more than 1,700 million ton-

nes by 1995. Taking 1983 as the base, US production will fall by 155 million tonnes in 1995, that of the USSR by 22 million tonnes and of the UK by 40 million tonnes. He concludes that "the Middle East producers — mainly Saudi Arabia Iraq and Kuwait — have the capacity to increase the production sufficient enough to meet the upward swing."

. As for the theory that there will be oew oil discoveries to make up for the difference, Salameh says: There are very real doubts wbether such a record can be repeated to the next two decades. No matter how advanced the exploratioo technology becomes or the amount of investment that is poured to the search, discoveriog new oil-bearing zooes of similar sizes to the oilfields of the Middle East or to those of similar size to Alaska, Mexico or the North Sea is extremely unlikely It is difficult to find fault with this argument.

Dangerous

On conservation as a factor, he points out that because of the oil glut of recent years, there bas been a "movement away from conservation programmes" in OECD countries. He warns that "Il will be a real and dangerous mistake to let the recent shortterm falls in the price of oil to slacken the pace of the long-term energy conservatioo programmes and energy efficiency invest-

He quotes former Saudi petroleum and mineral resources minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani as sayiog that conserva-tion efforts in Western industrialised nations are slackening due to the recent short-term fall in oil prices and the current glut. particularly io the United States. There are "strong indications," continues Yamani, that this trend will contioue ooless the oil price starts to rise.

Salameh maintains that even if conservation efforts were 10 be intensified and alternative energy sources developed at a more rapid pace than at present. the need for oil cannot be reduced for "at least the next two decades." This is a valid view and even those in and outside the environmental lobby will concede that it is so. Oil may be an evil, but the world has to live with it until such time it discovers a fuel as efficient, ahundant and cheap as "black gold."

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Poor fail to convince rich BCCI's stake

Latin, African nations alarmed at diversion to East Europe

WASHINGTON, May 9, (Agencies): Poor nations have won a \$60 billion increase in IMF funding to help meet the growing credit demands of the 1990s but failed to convioce the industrial world of the need for a major new initiative to tackle the debt crisis. Latin American and African nations, alarmed at the prospect of Western money being diverted to potentially lucrative new markets in East Europe, did succeed in bringing the \$1.3-trillion debt crisis back into the spotlight during International Mocetary Fund

But monetary officials said any changes in the West's strict guidelines of extending

debt relief would be limited and would probably have to wait at least uotil July's summit of leaders from the major industrial powers to Houston, Texas.

"Despite repeated discussions of the debt problem ... the economic prospects of the severely indebted countries are still bleak," said Bernard Chidzero, Zimbabwean finance minister who chaired yesterday's talks here.

But be said industrial countries had pledged not to allow their attention to focus oo Eastern Europe at the expense of the developing world.

"This is a major ehallenge to the international community."

Chidzero said. "The danger is there that the south will be for-

Agreement on a 50 per cent

increase in the fund's resources

or "subscriptioo quotas," sealed

early yesterday after two years of

difficult stop-start negotiations, should equip the lending agency for the first part of the 1990s.

three years, with this amount of

resources, we will be well equip-

ped to discharge our responsibilities, including those io Eas-tern Europe," IMF Managing Director Miebel Camdessus told

Focus

raufying the quota increase, by oo means an easy task for the US

treasury - which has to sell to congress its \$11.1 billion share of

the total - or for debtor oations

unhappy at the clause which could lead to their suspensioo

from the fund for ooo-payment

The group of seveo (G-7) industrial democracies — the

United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Canada

and Italy -- will beave a sigh of

relief that oegotiations which

had generated a host of national

The United States will coo-

tioue to occupy first rank in the

fund with a veto right over all major decisions by virtue of its more than 19 per cent share of

But the 1990s is likely to see

Japan play a more active role in fund affairs after a reshuffle took

it up from fifth spot to equal second with West Germany.

Bargain

Britain and France took the opportunity to smooth out a long-running dispute in a trade-off which ranks them equal:

fourth and effectively carves up roles at a new development bank

The G-7 drove a hard bargain

over quotas with the Third

World which had started out

demanding a doubling hut soon

became resigned to having to

accept 50 per cent.
That figure is io fact higher

thao the United States and

Britaio had originally wanted

and has been matched only twice

in eight previous quota reviews

The seven also steered a hard

line on debt, all too aware that

relaxation of guidelines for their

two maio plans under which official and bank loans can be

written off, the 1988 "Toronto

Terms" and 1989 "Brady Plan",

Conable made a strong case for

But monetary officials said

natious' needs would be assessed

case-by-case, with special atten-tion to nations such as Poland

and the Ivory Coast that are

covered by neither the Torooto

■ Morocco has made good

progress in recent days negotiat-

ing a standby loan agreement with IMF and it expects that in a

week or two a loan will be

annouoced, a government

official attending the IMF interim meeting said yesterday.
He said Morocco was "one

week or two weeks away" from a

Terms oor the Brady Plan.

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World Bank President Barber

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since 1950.

rivalries are at last at an end.

The focus will oow shift to

journalists.

of loans.

"I am certaio that over the oext



World Bank President Barber Conable (left) playfully grabs the lapels of Michel Start of the Development Committee meeting on Tuesday at the IMF. (Reuter Candessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund prior to the

Brokers said political jitters were

also dragging the index down, but psychological support was likely to

Short dates were very well offered on a liquid Kuwairi dinar interbank

deposit market today, dealers said. The yield on yesterday's treasury

bill issue was lower than expected, and the lack of takers left liquidity in the market, they said. The Central

Bank came onto the market, offering one week at 8-3/8 and later two weeks

at 8-1/4. Overnight was offered at 7-1/2, tomorrow/next dealt at 7-3/4.

eight and 8-1/8, and spot/next at 8-1/

Rates for fixed dates were lower.

■ The Saudi riyal interbank deposit

market saw little activity today, said

Spot/next, dealing for Saturday/ Monday, was quoted at 6-3/4 6-1/4 per cent, and one week at 7-7/8 7-3/8.

Fixed dates were quiet, they said, and one month was quoted at 8-1/16 7-

13/16, three months at 8-5/16 8-1/16, six months at 8-1/2 8-1/4 and twelve

The spot n'yal was quoted at 3.7514/17 to the dollar.

take anything up to two years to complete.

in Australia, Canada and the United

States with surface or shallow opera-tions, most South African mines face

beavier costs in having to dig far down through hard rock to get ar

narrow seams of gold reef.
Mincowners blame rising produc-

con costs largely on persistently high

inflation, now around 15 per cent a

Among mines rhreatened are the older so-called marginal operations,

incurring high costs and extracting

low grades.

The Deputy Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs, Piet Welgemoed, said on Tuesday that the

cabinel was concerned at the low

gold price and the possibility of mine closures

In contrast with many new mines

months at 8-13/16 8-11/16.

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Dollar in swan dive

Gold slightly lower

LONDON, May 9, (AP): The dollar slumped on European exchanges today after breaking through a key

Support barrier in Asian trading. Gold was marginally lower. The dollar stall below 1.6500 West German marks in Asian dealings set off a wave of stop-loss orders and ousbed the US currency even lower. Dealers said it was questionable whether the dollar would find support at 1.6400 marks.

in Tokyo, the dollar closed at 157.03 yen, down 1.02 yen from yesterday's close. Later in London the dollar was down further to 156.52

yen.
The British pound traded at \$1.6792 from \$1.6697 late yesterday.

Currency dealers in Japan attributed the dollar's weakness to its overnight drop in New York, in part due to European currencies' strength against the dollar, as well as results of the three-year US Treasury bond

auction yesterday in Washington.

The US Treasury's benchmark 30year bond rose 5-32, or \$1.50 per
\$1,000 face amount. Its yield, which
falls when prices rose, decland to 8.82 per cent from 8.84 per cent late

Gold dealers in London fixed a recommended price of \$369.70 a troy ounce today, down 5 cents from late

yesterday. In New York, US stock prices

IOHANNESBURG, May 9, (Reuter): South Africa, the world's top gold producer, may face a hefty drop in output during the 1990s because of weak prices and high costs that could close mines.

The Council of Mineral Technology, a state-supported research

nology, a state-supported research organisation, predicts that produc-tion could fall by as much as one half

"Optimists forecast that produc-tion can maintain a level of 600 ton-

nes a year until the turo of the cen-

tury," it commented in a survey

presented to a conference on Wed-

South Africa's production costs --

the highest in the world - are still

rising and without a substantial rise

in the rand price of gold, the optimis-

"Realists, bowever, nore that

from last year's 606 tonnes.

by a rise in the bond market.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 11.94 points at 2,733.56, according to preliminary estimates, with gains overtaking losses by a slight margin oo the New York Stock Exchange.

light 137.2 million shares.

Traders said signals that the US economy is slowing down, rather than heating up, have beloed bond prices to rise, interest rates to ease,

and stock prices to gaio. The key 225-share Nikkei index exceeded 31,000 points in an early morning surged but later eased, to close down 24.97 points at 30,945.61 after gaining 14.31 yesterday.

Brokers said momentum from yesterday earried over into today's trad-

ing, with roughly 700 million shares changing hands against 750 million yesterday.

In Sydney, stocks closed firmer after drifting most of the day in leth-argic trade, brokers said. The All Ordinaries index closed 0.9 points up

In Taipei, late selling pulled the index down slightly after stocks opened higher. It lost 25.82 points to end at 8,922.67 against yesterday's 8,948.49 close, dealers said.

S. African gold mines threatened

Production to fall by half

halved," it added.
Only several years ago, South
Africa's mines had the world's lowest

Other experts taking a shorter term view, such as David Giese of

stockbrokers Davis, Brokum Hare

Inc. and Mike Brown of Frankel, Kruger, Vinderine Inc., saw annual

production 50 tonnes or more lower

With world gold prices currently languishing at around \$370 an ounce, \$50 below prices three months

ago and significantly lower than

many analysis expected, Giese said it

was becoming inevitable that some

"We are probably looking at about 11 or 12 mines that are

threatened with closure," he said, but

added there was no question of

immediate shutdowns as closures

They said the market had been quiet on a lack of news and investors moved higher yesterday in their seventh straight session gain, helped were likely to remain cautious in the

production costs.

by the mid-1990s.

mines may have to elose.

Glut cost Arabs \$102m In Hong Kong, stocks tumbled in thin morning trade on selling by local and overseas institutions. The Hang Seng index fell 23.34 points to 2,930.24 at the morning close and reached 2,934.94 by midper day

BAGHDAD, May 9, (AP): Iraq's maio government newspaper today criticised Arab oil producers blamed for a recent glut on the oil market, saying the overproductioo was costing Arab states \$102 million a day in lost

The daily Al Thawra asked in an editorial: "In whose interest are they doing that?"

It did not name the violators, but oil industry sources had repor-ted that overproduction by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates caused a surplus that drove prices down to bel Opec's benchmark price of \$18

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' 13 member states agreed at a meeting in Geneva last week to cut back produc-tion by I.45 million barreis a day to arrest the glut and push the prices up.

Opee pumped about 23.5 million barrels a day in April, causing a daily surplus of about 1.7 million barrels.

lraq has said it considers overproduction by some Opec members a plot against it.

Baghdad, which had accumulated a foreign debt of about \$60-70 billion during Its 1980-88 war with Iran, is depending mainly ou oil revenues to shore up the economy.

MAP member in Jordan

Swee Ang, a founding member of the UK eharity Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) is visiting Jordan, Qatar, Dubai and Abu Dhabi on a fund-raising and ioformation tour from May 10-12, it was reported here today.

In a statement, MAP said that Dr Swee, an orthopaedic surgeon, will be lecturing on her experience in Lebanon and the occupied Gaza Strip.

• West Germans will give the LONDON, May 9, (Kuna): Dr Soviet Unioo no special deal when it cashes in the money it earned over the years in trade with communist East Germany, West Germany's finance minister said yesterday.

The Soviets will get only one West German mark for every two East German marks they hold. Theo Waigel said. That is the prevailing rate for the financial union between East and West Germany to take place July

◆ The world's three most powerful central banks have put their hard-won reputations as inflation-fighters on the line in a game of chicken with financial markets, economists said.

The three banks — from the United States, West Germany aod Japan - have held out against market pressures for higher short-term interest rates, arguiog that global investors have exaggerated the threat of faster inflation.

 Japan signalled yesterday that it plans to use its bigger voting stake in IMF to take a more active role in helping to manage the world economy.

under review

Kifco shares can be sold to Kuwaitis

By Jadranka Porter Arab Times stall

THE BCCI's 49 per cent stake in Kuwait International Finance Co. (Kifen) is under review after the Luxembourg-based bank was taken over hy the government of Ahu Dhabi in a move ro prop it up following the announcement of staggering losses in

Whether the bank will sell its share largely depends on the profitability of the Kuwaiu affiliate, which accor-ding to a Kuwait-based banking source has never been in the red in its

ló years of operation. BCC1 (Bank of Credit and Cummerce International) can sell its Kifco shares only to Kuwaiti investors as no foreign bank can operate on the Kuwaiti marker. BCCI acquired the stake before the rule was

Bank officials said after the announcement of last year's finan-cial results on May 1 that important restructuring of BCCI will take place over the coming months. According to reports from London this could mean senior management changes and the closure of some of the bank's smaller branches.

It is understood that two of Kifco's senior managers are being trans-ferred to Pakistan, the home country of BCCI's founder Agha Hasan Abedi and many of its upper crust

management.
Technically speaking all of the 35strong Kifco staff work under instructions from the Kifco board of
directors after the Kuwaiti firm's management contract with BCC1 was terminated in 1985 on the Central Bank's orders. The source in Kuwait said that the

seven-member committee currently hammering out the bank's new strategy in London will not rush to sell Kileo shares, if for no other reason than that it has more urgent areas of operation to examine, such as the BCCI's presence in Laun America and the Caribbean. The bank's modest beginnings in

into the group of the world's 20 hig-gest privately held banks.

With its \$21 billion in assets and 400 branches in 73 countries acquired over a comparatively short time span, the bank had rhe reputa-tion for chasing the fast buck. After an elaborate clandestine investiga-rion two of the bank's subsidiaries pleaded guilty in February to drug laundering charges in the US. The bank gor nur of the case with a \$15 million fine, a drop in the ocean of its

Its last year losses of \$498 million are the result of an increase in prov-isions for bad and doubtful loans amounting to \$600 million. Provision against country risk forms about 50 per cent of the sum.

The Abu Dhabi intervencion was

mandated by the bank's supervisors.
The UAE raised its stake in the bank from some 50 per cent to 77, courtesy Khaled Bin-Mahfouz of Saudi Arabia, who wanted to get rid of his 20 per cenr stake in the bank. Abu Dhabi also injected \$400 million in

new equity subscriptions.

The BCCI now hopes it can wipe the slate clean and start a new ebapthe state clean and start a new coap-ter. In this ir may succeed and the last year's figures, which in fact are not that damaging, can be a starting point. The bank made a \$224 million operating profit in 1989 although it was wiped out by the loan loss prov-sion determined by the Bank of ision determined by the Bank of England matrix, the formula for

Third World debt write-offs. The bank in its communication to its correspondents said it is vigorously pursuing recovery of cer-tain commercial loans which are in

the process of being re-negotiated.

BCCI 1989 accounts show that its assets have risen from \$20.6 billion to \$23.5 billion and its liquid assets were quoted at \$12.3 billion an increase of \$2.6 billion from 1988.

Customer deposits rose from \$15.6 billion to \$18.4 billion and the bank managed to not only cap but also reduce its escalating operating expenses bringing them to \$575 million in 1989.

EEC approves Marshall Plan

Aid to East Germany

BRUSSELS, May 9, (Reuter): West Germany got European Economic Community blessing on Tuesday for a plan to revive the post-war Marshall Plan to help East Germany

rebuild its economy.
"It's a new purpose for an old fund," an EC spokesman told Reuter.

The Marshall Plan, or European recovery programme, was set up after World War Two to reconstruct towns in Western Europe that were damaged in the war.

This will be the first time money from the fund is being used to help in east block country.

West Germany proposed using the fund for reconstruction it believes is still needed as a consequence of the devastating urban damage Germany suffered during the war.

The new plan means six billion West German marks (\$3.62 billion) of new money raised from West German sources can be spent helping the

former communist state. Of this, some 1.2 billion marks (\$725 million) will be used this year to

help start up businesses, clean up the environment, modernise industrial such as botels, guest houses and res-

such as boters, guest houses and res-taurants.

Named after former US secretary of state General George Marshall, the fund raised a total of about \$47 billion at 1981 prices between 1948 and 1952. Most of this was given by the United States, some by Canada.

The West Germany government has kept the fund rolling, partly from loans being repaid.

The European Community's executive commission had to vet the plan because h has responsibility for checking all state aids to make sure they do not give one EC member state ao unfair advantage over oth-

■ The European Commission's tor fmancial official on Wednesday backed steps by Greece's new conservative government to tackle an economic crisis but said it might have to get even tougher.

"My impression of the measures taken by the government to stabilise the economy is positive," European Commissioner for Financial Affairs Henning Christophersen told reporters after an bour's meeting with Prime Minister Constantine Mit-

He said they marked "a substan-tial step in the right direction but further steps will be necessary." France and Britain have reached

a common stand on the creadon of the European Bank for Reconstruc-tion and Development on Eastern Europe (EBRD), an official spokes-man said here Wednesday.

The Elysee palace spokesman said the agreement on the creacion of the bank was reached during the May 4 summit in England of Freneb President François Mitterrand and British Premier, Margret Thateher.

Tokyo shares

NIKKEI Stock average:	30970.58	Mazda M C	501
(+14.31)		Mitsubishi Corp	1440
Volume: 750 mil shs		Mitsuhishi Estate	1700
Yen exchange rate: 158.05		Mitsuhishi H I	966
Name of stock	Clag	Mitsui R E	1860
Advantest Curp	5270	Mizuno Corp	1760
Ajinomoto	2080	Mochida Ph	3780
Alps Elec	2020	Mori Seiki Co	3670
Amada	1630	NEC Corp	2150
Asahi Chem Ind	89 8	Nikon Corp	1400
Asabi Glass	1800	Nippon Shin Co	1160
C. Itoh Co	866	Nippon Steel Corp	606
Canon Inc	1760	Nippondenso	2170
Casio Comp	1610	Nitsuko Corp	1430
Dai Nippon Printing	1940	Nomura Sec	2270
Dalichi Seiyaku	2560	Okuma Mach	1610
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Daishinku Corp	1730	Orix Corp	4350
Eisai	1840	Pioneer Elec Co	<i>5</i> 940
Fanue Ltd.	7080	Renown Look Inc	1880
Fuji Photo	4170	Sanyo Elec Co	920
Fujitsu Ltd	1430	Secom Co., Ltd	6260
Hitachi Credit	1490	ShinEtsu Chem	1660
Hitachi Koki	2180	Shindengen Elec	1110
Hitachi Ltd	1610	Sony Corp	8520
Hitachi Metal	1480	Sumitomo Elec Ind	1540
Honda Motor	1800	S. Metal Ind	612
ltoYokado Co	4070	Takeda Chemical	1820
Kajima Corp	1750	TDK Corp	6730
Kawasaki H I	860	Tokio Marine & Fire	1.550
Kobe Cast Iron	1210	Tokyo Elec Power	4280
Kokusai Elec	4940	Tokyo Electron Ltd.	3910
Komatsu Ltd	1110	Toppan Printing	1880
Куосега Согр	7370	Totay Ind Inc	856
Marui	2990	Toshiba Corp	1070
Matsushita Ind	3740	Toyota Motor	2430
Mat Electric	2290	Yaskawa Elec	1020
			

US seeks tech co-operation with Japan TOKYO, May 9, (UPI): A team of US Com-The US Commerce Department team their interest lo do so," Farren said in an

merce Department officials and their Japanese counterparts opened talks today aimed at improving the two-way flow of industryrelated technology and locating opportunities for Americao business in Japan.

The two-days of talks are not confrontational, said US Commerce Uodersecretary Michael Farren, head of the 26-member Commerce Department leam, bul rather are aimed at forestalling the problems that have led to America's ofteo hitter trade relations

"What we hope to achieve is a co-operative relationship among our industries and l believe the Japanese understand it is within interview with United Press International. Trade friction between the world's two

major economic powers has been eased somewhat since they reached an agreemeol April 5 in Washington on changes both countries need to make to reduce the nearly \$50 billion annual US trade deficit with Japan.

But the lack of foreign access to Japanese research continues to be a source of friction in the Uoited States. Japan, using relatively modest sums of

money, has been able to gain access to US technology hy entering into research projects with US companies or funding research at US

hopes to find ways to make technology transfer mutually beneficial. Commerce Department officials will meet

for two-days with their counterparts from the Ministry of International Trade and Iodustry in Tokyo. The Commerce Department team is work-

ing on 14 specific industries - furniture. aulomotive, amorphous metals, aluminium, coostruction, machine tools, telecommunications, computers, flat-panel displays, fiber optics, instrumentation, software and textiles and will report back to specific US industries and industry associations on the results

Oapec council meeting ends

KUWAIT, May 9. (Agencies): Senior officials from the Arab world's key oil producing countries yesterday called for boosting co-operation with oil importing countries, notably the European Economic Commun.

For the first time since the 1968 establishment of the II-member Organisation of Arab Petroleum

meetings each year does not have to be at the ministerial level.

Nigeria step to

maintain quota

Price will stabilise

LAGOS. May 9, (Opecna): The Nigerian government has instructed oil

companies operating in the country to adhere strictly to the nation's

Opec production quota, Petroleum Resources Minister Prof. Jibril

He told a news conference that following the directive, "some approved nominations have had to be withdrawn," he said both measures were in line with last week's Opec ministerial monitoring committee meeting decision to cut 1.445 million b/d from total produc-

"Nigeria has all along been going along with Opec. We have been a

Iraq

HGS awarded

major contract

VIENNA, May 9, (Opec): Hallibur-ton Geophysical Services, (HGS) a multinational company, is to assist

the Iraq Oil Exploration Company, (IOEG) in upgrading its seismic exploration capability, the first such major contract awarded to a foreign

company in many years.

assumed his post March 1.

Aminu announced here.

faitbful and moderating

influence in the organisation and

we would like to maintain this."

Result

He said that as a result of the

move, the country would cut back some 140,000 b/d of crude,

thus returning to its quota of 1.61

Aminu predicted that the unanimous decision by the 13

Opec member states to abide by

the monitoring committee's decision would salutory effect on oil price stability.

the minister affirm. -

million b/d.

EEC bids to cut customs procedures Co-operation with

European Economic Community commis ion said yesterday it has a plan to begin eliminating customs procedures

within the 12-nation trade bloc in 1993. It put forward a proposal which, for the first four years, would keep a simpler form of the present system for collecting Value-Added Taxes, still requiring companies to keep tabs on their intra-community trade. Under the plan, the transition regime will expire at the end of 1996 to make for a

Bush to

discuss

raising

WASHINGTON, May 9.

(Agencies): President George

Bush is ruling out raising income

taxes but is willing to discuss

other tax increases, ranging from

a national sales tax to higher

levies on alcohol and cigarettes,

Republican lawmakers said yes-

terday.
Bush discussed taxes with con-

gressional Republican leaders

after budget director Richard Darman delivered a gloomy assessment of the economy, said

participants at a White House

meeting. Bush invited

Republican members of Con-

gress to a meeting to discuss ways

booze and cigarettes, a national

lottery, a one-cent national tax,

all sorts of things like that are in

the mix." said assistant Senate

Republican leader Alan K. Sim-

However, he added, "nobody's talking about raising

session, participants said, Dar-

man told the lawmakers that an

automatic budget cut in excess of

\$55 billion was likely this fall in

the absence of major new deficit-

That could chop about 20 per

Despite the president's earlier

cent across the board in defence

and most domestic programmes.

pledge against new taxes, Simp-

son said. Bush "is fully aware

that he's got a country to run.

And he's gol to do that in a

responsible way because lots of

Simpson, speaking to repor-

ters in the driveway outside the

White House, said Darman had

spelled out spending cuts so mas-

sive that they would be "totally

unacceptable to the American

Participants said Bush listened as Republican lawmakers discus-

sed a variety of tax options, but

that he did not voice his own

However, the president reiterated his position that there

"We're going to see the econ-

omic jitters set in unless

somebody assumes some respon-

sibility for the budget," said Sen. Thad Cochran, a Republican.

"The president is trying to do this. And I applauded him for it."

istant Republican leader Newt

Gingrich said Republicans

would not agree to any plan that

would hurt them in an election

"I'm not going to vote for any-thing which causes us to lose

politically ... and we're not going

to agree to stupid deals. Gin-

from political bickering as possi-

Marlin Fitzwater said yesterday

when asked about the potential

fallout from Bush's seeming

abandonment of the "Read my

lips - no new taxes" refrain that

marked his 1988 presidential

"We want to keep this as free

White House spokesman

grich said.

House of Representatives ass-

opinion on any particular tax.

be no "preconditions."

figures have changed."

At the hour-long White House

"Value-added taxes, taxes on

of cutting the deficit.

income tax rates.

taxes

system where VAT is collected by the country of origin, further simplfying intra-

The proposal is the latest attempt by the EEC's tax policy commissioner Christiane Scrivener to craft an EEC-wide VAT regime by the end of 1992, when the trade bloc aims to complete a unified internal market between the member states.

Scrivener urged EEC ministers of finance and the European Parliament to act

quiekly on the new proposals.
"To delay again would create a problem on credibility on the effective establish-ment of the internal market" by the end of

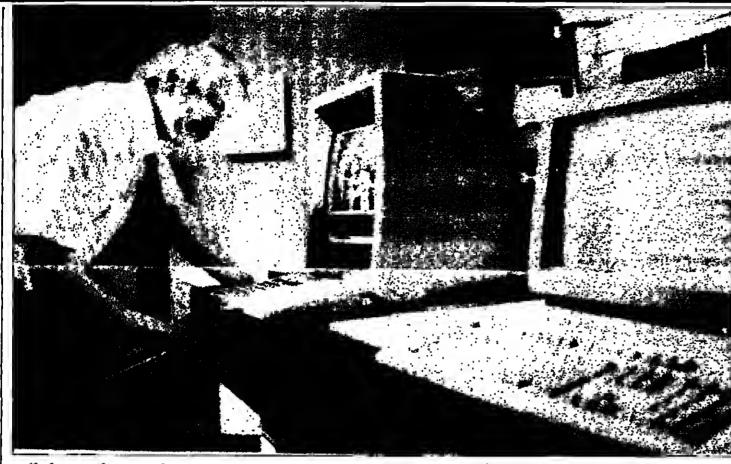
The plan must be approved by EEC finance ministers and vetted by the European parliament before it can be sent to member states' parliaments for ratifica-

1992, she told reporters.

Companies are currently required to fill

out a form documenting every consignment for intra-EEC trade. Value-added consumers debated taxes, which are collected in the country of destination, must be paid in advance.

Under the transition plan endorsed by the commission Tuesday, companies will oo longer be required to fill out customs documents. Instead, they will have to give periodic statements on their total VAT payments and total amounts of intra-com-



'Information age'

Avisitor to the Smithsonian Institution's 'Information Age' exhibit at the National Museum of American History tries out a Reuters News Picture Terminal, one of the many communications gadgets on display on Tuesday. The \$10 million

exhibit of old and new communications devices that have changed the way we live, work and play opened to the public yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Pioneer to market for \$3,160

Car navigation system

TOKYO, May 9, (AP): A new navigation system made by Japan's Pioneer Electronic Corp. uses satellites to calculate a vehicle's location and then displays it to the driver on a map on a colour screen.
The system, which goes on sale in Japan on June 21, connects to the vehicles's audio system and uses

special compact discs to display maps of any part of Japan, Pioneer spokesman Toru Yokomizo said today:
The complete system, including navigation device,

display, antenna and audio system, will cost about 500,000 yen (\$3,160), he said.

Yokomizo said the device is the first satellite navigation system for curs available as an accessory

The device, named Avic-1, uses signals from satellites to automatically calculate the vehicle's location. It indicates the location with a red dot on the maps, which are displayed on a 10-centimetre (four-inch! flat colour screen, he said.

The driver can choose from five levels of detail in the maps, which also include names of thousands of restaurints, hotels, and entertainment facilities and the services they provide, he said.

The navigation system has an accuracy of 20-30 metres (65-100 feet) and can be used by cards, trucks or even helicopters. Yokomizosaid. The vehicles can be moving or standing still, he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fiat shows record profits: Italy's largest private industrial group, Fiat Spa. announced on Tuesday that it made record profits and sales last

year.
Fiat, owned by the Agnelli family, said consolidated net profits rose nine per cent to 3.3 trillion
lire (\$2.7 hillion) from 3.03 trillion lire in 1988. Sales jumped 17.5 per cent to 52 trillion lire from 44.3 Irillion. Analysts polled by Reuters earlier this week had forecasted net profit growth of between 10 and 15 per cent. (Reuter)

EEC boosts aid: Latin America and Asia should get twice as much money from the European Economic Community in the next five years as in the previous five under scheme proposed on Tuesday by the EEC's executive commission.

Abel Matutes, commissioner responsible for these two regions, said co-operation aid would be 2.9 billion European currency units (\$3.5 billion) in the five years from 1991-95, more than double the 1.58 billion ECUs (\$1.9 billion) available in the previous five years. (AP)

Israel Chemicals record profit: Stateowned phosphate and potash producer Israel Chemicals Ltd (ICL) on Tuesday announced a record net profit of \$100.6 milion for 1989, up from

555 million the previous year.

The annual report was presented by outgoing chairman Rafi Eitan, an ex-intelligence officer whose team recruited US navy analyst Jonathan Pollard to spy for Israel. Eitan was sacked for opposing the sale I'ICL to foreign investors.

ICL managing-director Haim Erez said the rise in

products was due to higher world prices for the firm's

products. However, he predicted profits would decline in 1990 as prices fell back. (Reuter)

US-EEC farm trade talks: The United States and European Economic Community have made some progress in trying to narrow wide differences on reforming world farm trade, but some trade experts say the movement has been more procedural than substantive.

"They have come up with procedures that may help narrow some major and fundamental differences, but those differences have yet to be resolved," said Dale Hathaway, a trade analyst with consultants international group. [Reuter)

IDB approves loans, grants: The Islamic Development Bank has approved a total of \$49.6 million to finance development and trade in six member states.

A statement by the Saudi Arabia-based IDB said Gabon would get \$5 million to finance the building of three roads. The loan is repayable in 16 years after a four-year grace period.

Egypt will receive \$2.6 million, repayable in eight years after on year grace period, for industrial moder-

Korean firm to buy uranium: Korea Elec. tric Power Corp. has signed a contract to purchase 390 tonnes of uranium, worth abaout \$230 million, from the Soviet Union, Energy and Resources Minister Lee Hee-II announced Wednesday.

Lee told a news conference that the 10-year con-

truet was signed in Seoul Monday between the staterun South Korean Power Company and Technadex-port, the state-run Soviet nuclear-related export

Businessman turns to painting

Paul Savitt drops out of advertising

NEW YORK, May 9, (Reuter): Seventeen years ago. Paul Savitt traded the fancy cars and long lunches of Madison Avenue's advertising world for an artist's studio. Now at the age of 63, he says he's only 20 years away from becoming a great painter.
Savitt dropped out of advertising after 25

years of promoting tobacco, banks and wine because, he says, he was "romantic and foel-

He regrets only that he didn't quit sooner. 'I knew there was a day of reckoning coming — advertising or painting," he says. Ditching the advertising agency he laun-

ched — and an annual salary of \$250,000 he began painting for 15 hours a day and no "I had been operating double-agent style, doing both and cheating everybody." Savitt

told Reuters as he opened his first exhibition to rave reviews. Art scholar Donald Kuspit called him a

new and important figure on the American

art scene." "We are in the presence of a powerful force," said Kuspit, praising Savitt's technical variety and primitive energy.

Associates say Savitt went into "self-imposed isolation." But Savitt says only his daily routine changed, not himself.
"I still have all the same insanities. But

whereas I used to be a businessman, employing many people and coping with problems, suddenly, I was in my studio, alone. No phone calls, no demands, no treachery - and no reat successes either."

Savit paints huge, three-dimensional wall aintings — rieb with colour — made of sand, coffee grinds, egg shells and glass.

Savitt's sculptures were also displayed at the Daniel Broder Gallery. Alongside were his framed drawings — Uny doodles and seemingly random words scribbledon the television

page of the New York Times. Savitt said his work does not strive to be

"In fact, I may not be well-suited to the 20th century. I didn't confine myself to modern language and I was actually aiming to create some feeling of antiquity," he said.
"Rockstar" is a 3-D creation, crusty with blue, red and yellow paint and fired with

energy. The singer's mouth is jarred wide open, his limbs frozen in motion. Savitt pointed out his latest creation, built of sand that he dyed with pigment and depict-

ing a jet black sky streaked with thin zips and lights.

"It was the very finest white sand I've ever seen. Everyone can paint but this is fantastic. I discovered a new material," he said.

"I'm not an artist but an industry, a research and development man who scours construction companies for new ideas," he said. "But art always hovers in the wings -

even when I was in advertising.
"When I was young ... my heroes were Gaugin and Van Gogh. They stopped at nothing to paint. They were romantic and foolhardy -- just like me.

'Now I'm working toward being a great painter. I even know what my best work will look like, but I'm still 20 years away from doing it," said Savitt.

to edge higher Shearson

LONDON, May 9, (AP): Gold prices should edge higher over the next 18 months, a leading analyst said yesterday.

"Gold is one of the few investment vehicles likely to show stability," said gold specialist Rhona O'Con Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc.'s latest detailed forecasts for gold prices.

Cash is still king, meaning that gold is taking a back seat for professional investment managers," she added.

Gold should trade within a range of \$362 an ounce to \$425 this year and between \$380 and \$450 next year, Sbearson predicted.

It estimated a 1990 annual average price of \$395 rising to \$410 for 1991, compared with the 1989 average of \$381.52.

Shearson said it saw "little potential" for a substantial rise, despite an expected reduction in supplies in 1990 and 1991.

O'Connell said that the boom in production during most of the 1980s - which was stimulated by the record high price of \$850 in 1980 - was coming to an end, especially in Australia.

Shearson expects Australian production to peak at 220 metric tonnes this year, falling to 215 in 1991 and 210 in 1992. Output last year was 203.

US production this year was put at 273.7 tonnes, rising to 295 tonnes next year, compared with 1989 output of 251.9. Output in South Africa was

forecast to fall from 606 in 1989 to 600 tonnes this year and 590 in 1991. South Africa is the world's biggest producer, with a 35 per cent share of the total.

But Shearson said it expected production in most Third World countries, particularly Ghana, Venezuela and Papua New Guinea, to continue expanding rapidly.

Gold cost

pective quotas, have expressed a sufficient degree of seriousness to cut back production," he -He-said that subsequent

statements by Opec oil and cabinets of some member countries bad gone a long way

As part of a multi-million dollar programme. HGS will be responsible for the purchase of all equipment and training assistance for new survey work by the Iraqi state-owned company, according to an HGS newsletter issued this month. Seriousness "Opec member countries, including those which had rejected their quotas and those that were producing below their res-The main feature of the contract will be the IOEC's use of the latest

low-energy MDS-18 seismic data recorder, launched recently by HGS, says the report, noting that the 480-chaunel third recording, system. works off significantly reduced power consumption "thanks to the innovative new circultry design and the use of solar-charged batteries."

lowards buttressing their commitment to the agreement The minister disclosed that a report on last week's Geneva meeting

would be formally presented to the Nigeiran cabinet this week. In answer to a question concerning the current state of the oil market, Aminu explained that prices bad not picked up as expected because of manipulation.

"There is still a lot of manipulation going on, which is being carried out by analysts, speculators and traders," he pointed out. Regarding the issue of crude stockpiling, Aminu said this was a

temporary phenomenon "because if we continue at this agreed level of production, we shall wipe out the backlog." He stressed: "If we observe the agreement well, by the time we meet in

July (the Opec conference), we shall all be smiling," he added. The company recently won a proxy battle for control waged by Texas investor Harold Simmons, who owns 19 per cent of Lockheed's stock

and claimed the company was mismanaged. Simmons did force the company to allow big sharebolders more participation, however.

Lockheed Corp. to shift HQ to Georgia

BURBANK, California, May 9. (AP): Lockheed Corp. said it will phase out all operations at the site where it cranked out 30,000 warplanes in World War II and designed America's most secret.

The nation's sixth largest military contractor said the changes would help it adjust to a likely decline in defence spend-

"We will take advantage of this situation to streamline our aircraft operations and enhance profitability," said chairman Donald Tellep. Lockheed, which has built planes in Burbank since 1928,

said yesterday it will move its aerospace division to Marietta, Georgia. outside Atlanta.

The move to Georgia, where Lockheed already builds and services cargo planes at a govern-ment-owned facility, will cut costs substantially, Tellep said.

The skunk works research unit, where spy planes and the Stealth fighter were developed, will become a separate subsidiary and gradually move from the 320-acre (130-hectare) Burbank site to Palmdale, in the desert 50 miles (80 kilometres) north of Los Angeles. Corporate headquarters will

remain in Calabasas, California. The moves mean more bad news for the aerospace industry in California. State representative George Miller said last week the state could lose 200,000 defence-related jobs by 1995.

McDonnell Douglas Corp's Douglas Aircraft is eliminating 3,000 jobs, most of them in Long Beach. Lockheed said recently it would lay off 2,000 workers in Burbank, Palmdale and Santa Clarita, along with 750 in Marietta.

Lockheed spokesman Ron Meder said the company would finish moving all operations out of Burbank by the mid-1990s, "and then everything will have been sold or will be for sale."

Lockheed's profits plum-meted from \$624 million in 1988 to 2 million in 1989, and the company faces tough times as easing world tensions pressure the government to slash defence spending.

UK's Ferranti wins radar contract

LONDON, May 9, (AP): Britian's GEC Ferracti has won the contract to supply radar to the fournation European fighter aircraft, defence secretary Tom King announced yesterday.
King said GEC Ferranti Defence Systems Ltd, a

subsidiary of General Electric, will head a European eonsortium, Euroradar. The single-seater fighter is being developed by

Britain, Germany, Italy, and Spain. Britain had pressed for the Ferranti ECR90 radar, while West Germany wanted a rival system produced mainly by Telefunken system Technik, a subsidiary of Daimler-Benz.

King told the House of Commons that all four countries have now agreed on Euroradar. "This represents a major milestone for British airborne radar technology," he said.

GEC, which is not related to US company with the same name, estimated the value of the contract at 300 million pounds (\$500 million). It could increase if the aircraft goes into full production by the late

The production of some 800 of the fighters was due under the four-nation agreement. But the easing of East-West tension has raised doubts about this.

Exporting Countries (Oapec), none of the oil ministers attended and the semi-annual meeting, held at the Sources at the Kuwait headquarters said it had been decided that the first of the two Oapec council-The meeting was chaired by the new Oapec Secretary-General, Abdul Aziz Al Turki of Saudi Arabia, who A press communique at the end of the daylong meeting saic the council was satisfied with efforts exerted by Oapec's gen-

eral secretariat to promote inter-national co-operation in the oil industry. "It considered reports on the organisation's contacts and joint activites with the European Economic Community, and with Norway, and on the other topics such as the economics aspects of oil imports in the industrialised

countries," the statement added It gave no details but Oaped sources said that the council gave the secretariat the green light to pursue its course of co-operation and dialogue with the EEC including a symposium to be held in June, to discuss the prospect: of co-operation between the two

The H-member Oaper includes seven Arab states that double as members in the 13 nation Organisation o Petroleum Exporting Countries

(Opec). Oapec indirectly serves in helping Opec aims of streamlining co-operation among of producers and oil consumers with the aim of stabilising the world oil market.

vorld oil market.
Oapec complained in the editorial of its monthly bulleting on Monday that levying contin nously increases taxes on of imports by industrialised coun tries would only curb work demand for oil and discourage plans by oil producers, including Oapec countries, to expand their

production capacity.
The council directed th secretary-general to pursue con tact and co-opearation with Algeria to update the economi feasibility study on a drydoc

project in Algeria. .The statement said the counc also reviewed many aspects c including the progress of wor on the data bank, monitoria Arab and international develor ments relating to environmer protection and preparations fc the fifth Arab energy conference

Oapec's bulletin said that o consuming countries, which reaped more than \$300 billion i form of taxes on oil consumptio in 1989, should channel some c this revenue to solving enviror ment problems rather tha imposing additional taxes "the will curb demand" under th pretext of fighting pollution.

The council scheduled its ner meeting for Cairo in December Oapec groups Kuwait, Sauc Arabia, Qatar, the United Ara Emirates, Iraq, Libya, Algeria Bahrain, Syria, Egypt, Liby. Tunisia and Algeria, with th first seven also belonging t

Atlantic Richfield Co. an Mobil have won approval t separately develop two Nort Sea natural gas projects wort more than \$600 million, th United Kingdom energy min ster announced yesterday.
UK Energy Minister Pete
Morrison told the offshore tech

nology conference that Arco wi develop the Pickerill field in project valued at \$320 million. US crude prices levelled of yesterday after being pushed u, to a technical resistance point by news that a lager crude-oil pipeline in the Gulf of Mexico was being shut down indefinitely to repair a leak.

The benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude 101 and delivery edged up one cent to the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and the New York and the S18.28 a barrel on the New York and t Mercantile Exchange after trading as high as \$18.58. Trading was a moderate 74,302 contracts.

Volkswagen '89 profits up

WOLFSBURG, West Germany, May 9, (Reuter): Volkswagen AG (VW), Europe's largest car maker, said today that its 1989 group net profit surged 33 per cent to 1.04 billion marks (\$620 million) in its

billion marks (\$620 million) in its most successful year ever.

The strong rise in earnings was due to bigher sales, the effect of a two year cost-cutting programme and higher productivity, VW said in its annual report.

VW earnings continued to rise in the first quarter of this year as group met profit rose to million mairts (\$6 million). VW finance director Dieter Ulisperger told reporters.

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But 1990s outlook is clouded by a drop in earnings from VW a Brazilian subsidiary, which has been hit by a government belt-tightening programme.

But good business in Europe made up for this in the first quarter of this

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Hyderabad: the quintessence lives on .

Hyderabadis celebrate 400th anniversary of the city

By Fathima Ahmed Arab Times slaff

FOUR hundred years ago, a city was raised smidst a wilderness of rock in the Deccan Plaleau in India. Today, the twin cities of Hyderabad and Sikanderabad are said to be the fifth largest in India, and one of the legendary cities that still retain its

Eight kilometres from Hyderabad is Golconda — the source of the fabulous Golconda — the source of the Kohinoor Orice Once, one of the world's wealthiest courts. Golconda today is a magnificent ruin dominating the rocky ramparts of the Deccan.

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The Quiuh Shahi dynasty ruled Hyderabad for 171 years, ending in 1687 when the Mughai Emperor Aurangazeb captured the kingdom. Golconda was their capital, from where Quli Qutub Shah rode to the rocky vistas what is now Hyderabad in 1591, naming the capital after his Queen Hyder Mahal. In 1707 AD the Asif Jahi dynasty was

founded after its first ruler Feroze Jung Asif Jah proclaimed his independence from the Mughals, retaining his capital at

Aurangabad. He took the title of Nizamul-Mulk. In 1769, the capital was shifted to Hyderabad. Legend are replete with tales of fabulous wealth and luxurious lifestyles of the Nizams, who ruled Hyderabad for nearly 224 years, during which the state

had its own currency, mint, railways, pos-tal system and a booming economy. Huge dams and reservoirs like Nizam Sagar. Tungabhadra Dam (now in Karnataka) state, Osman Sagar and Nagarjuna Sagar were built during the reign. Islamic and Hindu architecture blos-

somed in the form of mosques and temples, palaces and gardens; the relics of 10mbs and mosques are a reminder of past glory. The Charminar, built in 1591 AD has become the symbol of Hyderabad. Education and learning was given great

importance with the foundation of the prestigious Osmanic University. Several public buildings like hospitals, assembly hall and libraries were also built. The Aranta and Ellora caves are said to have been excavated and restored by Nizam-ul-Mulk, Mir Osman Ali Khan, one of the richest men in the world, was also one of the most parsimonious, an eccentric recluse who cut himself off from the extravagant public lifestyle of princely India. To this day, no one has been able to

determine the exact value of his fortune, which some say, still lies buried somewhere in his palace grounds.

After the British came to India. Hyderabad was seen as a staunch British ally. British ascendancy gave the Nizams more glory as they went shopping all over the world, bringing back Rolls Royces and

In 1948, the princely state came under the union government of India.

With the diminishing power of the Nizams, patronage of the arts received a setback and the Hyderabadis bad to adapt to a new lifestyle. The last four decades saw a marked decline in the city's splendour perhaps due to neglect, population influx and industrial growth.

Gradually, Hyderabad is awakening to a new dawn. The Banjara Hills, where the Rajasthani gypsies once camped, is now prime real estate; diamond glitter has given way to vineyards and film studios and a new cultural synthesis is emerging one that strives to retain the music in the language and a gentleness of life that permeates beyond Hyderabad's industrial boom. The quintessence lives on

The Hyderabadis in Kuwait, who are now celebrating the 400th anniversary of

the city, can't forget the past glory or its present character. They want to revive the rich cultural heritage of Hyderabad, and relive the harmony that once existed between peoples of different religions in

The Hyderabad Deccan 400th anniversary celebration committee has prepared a varied programme. That was faunched on May 4 with a festival cricket match between Golconda XI and Charminar XI. It was played by the above-40 years old Hyderabadis in Kuwait. Indian Ambassador A.K. Budhiraja launched the fes-

On May 11, they will hold an open-day at the Messilah Beach Hotel; on May 17, a mushaira (poetry evening) will be held; and the concluding ceremony takes place on May 18 at the Starlite Theatre, Doha

Entertainment City.
The chairman of the committee is Sikandar Zaman Khan; some of the others are Dr Moinuddin Khan Sandozi, Mohammad Fasihuddin Khan, Nasceruddin Alcem, Dr Venkat Rao Naidu and Inder Sen Reddy. The month-long programme of activities has been sponsored hy Hyderabadi husinessmen Mohammad Hoshdar Khan and Shahin Hussain



The Vienna Opera Ball

The celebration committee pictured with the Indian envoy.

THE eleganor with which Austria has been noted... artists. The son of Johann Strauss conducted the for is perhaps, best exemplified year after year in the orchestra which played his brother Edward's special world-readwind Vienna Opera Bill of orchestra which played his brother Edward's special world-readwind Vienna Opera Bill of orchestra which played his brother Edward's special world-readwind vienna Opera became a national institution, attended by ing and waltz which has been distinguished in Paris. London and Italy as "a night of the world, a might only Austria can create, a feast of never-ending.

The "Opernball" has a long and, traditional history which started with Franz Joseph I, considered the godfather of the event. He gave the order to build the Vienna State Opera in 1860, which he envisioned as a theatre for operas, ballet and venue for elegant balls. After its official opening in 1869, operas and ballets were held regularly, and in 1873 the first ball was held at a time when the popular "Masque Soirce" in Paris could not be held due to the political

In 1877, the concept of the "Operaball" was heldfor the first time, with an artistic programme featuring the Vienna Philharmonic and several celebrity

The grand social event was interrupted in 1899 director of the Vienna State Opera — had to tem-porarily halt it to remodel the building for security

The year 1956 saw the resumption of the "Opera-ball" with the presentation of Beethoven's "Fidelio". Since then, the "Opernball" has been held in February each year, and to this day, is regarded hy Europe's society as the most exclusive social event, and by the Republic of Austria as a national feast, a "state happening" under the direct supervision of the Austrian president. It will now

Cezary and Anna Overkowicz who will be joined by other lecturers at the Institute including Marek

take place at the Kuwait International Hotel on May 12.

Charity concert

THE Polish Cultural Association will hold two charity concerts on May 16 and 24 at 8 pm at Kuwait's New English School. The classical music programme will feature a piano duet, the chello and violin numbers, a piano quartet and a string trio, all of which will be performed by Polish professionals now working at the Higher Institute of Music. Kuwait's audience is familiar with pianists

when Gustav Mahler - himself a famous artist and reasons, it later re-opened following renovation in 1921 — only to be cancelled again during the Second

Bilinski a piano teacher who shot to fame in his native Poland as a composer and performer of

Tickets at KD5, will be on sale from Saturday, May 12 at the Mousetrap Theatre daily between 4 pm and 6 pm and on May 16 until 8 pm. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of dialysis machines to treat Polish children suffering from kidney failure.

CINEMA TODAY

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Al Saimiyah Hall Booked Al Hamra Time Burst	Arabic film Al Salmiyah Hall Booked Al Haura
Drive-in Arabic film At Firdous Kala Bazaar	Time Burst Drive-in Arabic film Al Firdons
Fahaheel Open Gharana	Kala Bazaar Fahaheel Open Gharana
Fababeel	Fahaheel
Shato	Shato
Al Jahra	Al Jahra
Arabic film	Death Raiders
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Scrooged	Fire Back
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Ulsava Pittennu	Play Dead
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PRAYERS

Friday Prayer 3.31 am 11.44 3.20 pm 6.30 Maghreb

Maghreb

FRIDAY

6.31 7.56

3.30 am 11.44

3.20 pm



no have come from Goa are: (Top standing from left) Mini Mario, Xavier, Antonio, Louis, Ispirit, Jaju, Gaspar Evangelista (Sitting from left) Mingu, Clara, Estevy, Roseterns, Sucorrina, Francisca and Sally

Out to change people's lives

Arab Times staff

A POPULAR Goan dramatist Roseferns and his 15-member troupe arrived in Kuwait yesterday to stage two Konkani dramas Xinxe (Shards of Glass) and Beiman Tum (Ungrateful You).

Invited by the Expatriate Club of Kuwait, Roseferns presents Xmve for the first time, and Beiman Tum has been shown 75 times.

When asked about the story of Xinxe and Beiman Tum, Roseferns said: "I am sorry I cannot give you the story of the drama as I always like to keep the audience guessing." But added, "even if one prodigal son or brother changes bis life after seeing my dramas, I will feel that I have succeeded in conveying my message.

Roseferns also known as King of Centuries for showing 10 of his dramas more than 100 times has written and directed 21 dramas. His dramas that crossed 100 perfromances are: Thopott, Dev Vo Devchor, Ghann, Arso, Maim, Poi ani Bhurguim, Baulem, Xezari, Gorib, Mog and Bhirant and Bebdo. Roseferns first came to Kuwaii in 1986 when he

showed the dramas Maim, Pui ani Bhurguim and Thupott. He bas also shown his dramas in Muscal and Bahrain, and on May 14, he plans to take his With special light and sound effects, Xinxe will be

staged today at 7 pm and tomarrow at 4 pm. Beiman Turn will be staged tomorrow (Friday) at 10.30 am. All the shows will be held at Granada Cinema,

Roseferns says he will be back in Kuwait as soon as his organisers give him another opportunity. In the meantime, he says he was impressed by the hospitality shown to him and his troupe by the present organisers, The Expatriate Club, likes to say Deu Borem Corunk (Thank you).

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Gallery Dahlyat Abdullah Al Salem

THE Sixth Arab Children's art show will be beld at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery, near Fatima Mosque, from May 12 to 21. The paintings and drawings of children from several Arab and Gulf countries will be on show. It will be open from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 7 pm, except weekends.

SOCIAL

Indian Arts Circle HERE'S good news for iovers of one-act plays. A wide variety of one-act plays to reach as wide an audience as possible is going to be staged from 17th lo 31st May 1990 at the IAC auditorium for the 2nd IAC One Act Play Competition. After the roaring success of the 1st One Act Play Competition, 16 teams are planning to perform plays in languages rang-ing from Malayalam to Marathi. The inaugural offeringisa Konkani playat 8 pm on the 17th May. Watch out for further information in this

Danialia Dhow Trlp FOR reasons beyond the control of the Daniella Club, the Dhow trip for Danes has been postponed till Friday, May 18, at 10 am.

Kuwait Welsh Society THE annual general meeting

and social evening will be held at g pm on May 23, 1990. For details of venue, etc. please ring 3912384, 3713467 or 5740256. Newcomers welcome.

Approb meeting
THE bi-monthly meeting of
the Approb members will be

held on May 17, 1990, at 7 pm at the residence of lobal Latif.

The meeting will be followed by dinner and entertainment. All members are requested to

Meanwhile, the Approb compile "Who is wbo" directory of Pakistani professionals and businessmen in Kuwait. Modalities of the project will be discussed at the May 17 meet-

Konkani Theatre

MAY 10-11: Roseferns, and his 15-member troups arrive from Goa to present two Konkani dramas namely Xinxe (new release) at 7 pm (May 10) and repeated at 4 pm (May 11) and diamond jubilee completed Beiman Tum at 10.30 am on May 11 at Granada Cinema, Kheitan. Contrary to reports circulating, THIS IS NOT A LOCAL SHOW and Roseferus, popularly known as Goa's King of Centuries should not be mistaken for one local identical namesake in Kuwait. Tickets available at Raja Stores Tel. 2412970, Tony 5655056, Wilson 3726038, Manuel/Rommel 4816836. Rocky 3924159, Val 5614506. Canary Video 2459521 and Alex Martins. An Expatriate

Club presentation. Tamil drama

IAC presents a hilarious Tamil comedy by "Enth-usiasts," after their last year's roaring success of *Unmarye* Unn Vilai Enna. Programme is at IAC hall on May 25, 1990 at 7.00 pm.

For entry passes contact-3904817, 5616930, 48E94E74 and 3903E79.

HOTELS

RICCARDO Restaurant: The Riccardo restaurant with its famous Italian cuisine will be open for lunch and live entertainment with "Franco and Regina" every night.

Hunt Room: The famous Hunt Room restaurant offers some of the best meat and fish preparation for lunch and dinner with live entertainment

Le Tarbouche: Open for lunch and dinner. Le Tarbouche offers a wide selection of bot and cold buffet dishes for

families and friends. Al Hambra: Enjoy the Arabian Night theme at the Al Hamhra with delicious Arabic dishes

buffet style, nightly entertainment by Gli Amici and singer

SPORTS

Windsurfing
ALL are welcome to the Messilah Beach Hotel open windsurfing event on Friday, May 25, 1990.

Prizes for experienced, novice and lady windsurfers. Entry fee is KD3. Maximum sail size 1D 7.5 square metres. For further information please call 5624111 ext. 739.

Kuwait 4th Annual Raft Race MAY 11, 1990 starting at 9.00 am. Don't forget this Kuwait's most awaiting, spectacular, water sports event of the year at Messilah Beach Hotel. Tickets are on sale in the hotel or at the main entrance on the day. Just hring your family and friends for a day out. Keep a look out in the papers for our advertising for full details or contact us on 5624111 ext 711/ 712/739/751.

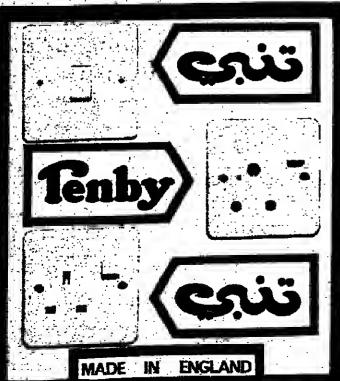
TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1 9.00 Opening with the Holy

Quran Cartoon serial 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)

10.10 Daily Arabic serial 11.00 Variety news 11.15 Open university programme ·

12.15 Local programme ---Huwar Wa Nagham 1.00 News in Brief 1.05 World Today via



Satellite (repetition) 1:30 Variety programme

2.00 Songs 2.45 Animals local 3.45 Weekly programme - Liqa Al Khamees 5.00 Cartoon serial

6.00 Historical serial -Muslim judges students 7.00 With programme

8.00 Arts

8.30 With Islam 9.00 News in Arabic 9.45 Daily Arabic serial 10.35 Arabic feature film 12.15 Songs 1.15 News in brief

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11.00 Religioius programme

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8.45 Weekly talk 9.00 News in Arabic 9.45 Daily Arabic serial 10.30 Entertainment progra-

mme 11.45 News in Brief 11.50 World Today via Satellite and Closed-

KTV2

6.00 Opening announce-ment and Holy Quran 6.10 Police Academy. A cartoon series for chil-

6.30 Mr Wizard's World. A variety of magical acts and illusions... training children on how to use or deal with infor-

mation 7.00 Wild America. "Old Man Muskrat". A look at the Muskrat. 7.30 The Munsters Today "it's a sad so lo world. Herman invites his

friend Willy to luncb.

The latter acts in a

ridiculous manner.

8.00 News in English 8.30 Beauty and the Beast

Vincent delivers Snow's ring to Eliotte who is warned hy his attorney... Eliotte has to continue his investigations on Cathie's

9.30 The Bill Cosby Show. "Ostin" and his wife

father-in-law on the other side have to solve differences. 10.00 Just for the record. Dangerous sports. Clubs for cowboys.

on one side and his

The biggest dog on earth. The speediest man on two wheels... 10.30 Feature film. "Promises in the dark". The dilemma of a seventeen-year-old girl who is deserted by her busband and suspects that

she has a bone can-

12.00 News in brief 12.10 Magazine D'Actualite FRIDAY

6.00 Opening announcement and Holy Quran 6.10 Popeye and Soo. A cartoon for children 6.30 Walt Disney Film.

"Rascal." Sterling

attempts to tame a

racoon which causes

many difficulties and proves to be untama-

8.00 News in English 8.30 Breaking Away. Recreational and entertainment activities carried out in various parts in

8.45 Globe TV. A global TV magazine and video window on the world. Looking out around the planet.

Kuwait.

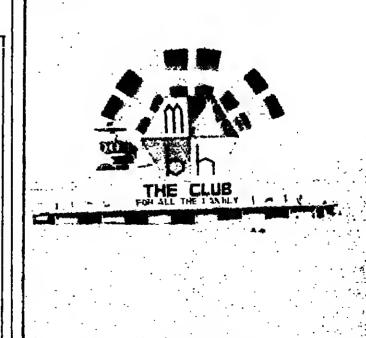
9.30 Weekend: Special her-mitage exhibition at Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah museum, recently opened Soul Al Amir, renovated and an entertainment spot Beausoleil group, which was in Kuwait

last month. 10.00 Roseanne. The family celebrate thanksgiving day in the presence of both Rosie's and

Dan's parents.

10.30 Wiseguy, "People do it all the time". Steve, Dan's son-in-law, is helped to work in a constructions company. He finds out that the materials are

viliated. 11.30 News in brief 11.45 Magazine D'nctualite



Kuwait 4th Annual Raft Race

Under the patronage of the Governor of Kuwait City, Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah, Messilah Beach Holel will hold its annual raft race for the 4th consecutive year on Friday, May 11, 1990.

The event is sponsored for the second year running by the Kuwaiti Danish Dairy Company (KDD) and promoted by Winston cigarettes and Jashanmal & Partnars Lid.

Rival teams are busy preparing rafts and planning tactics for the different category of races. Entertainment Ihroughout the day includes live music by the Rainbow Band and others. The day also includes games for children, stalls, BBQ and snacks and a Grand Draw on the entry lickets with many valuable

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prizes to be won. For inquiries you may contact 5624111, ext 711, 712,

JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior readers. Most of you eat at least three meals a day Sametimes you argue at what you are fed because you don't like it. And sometimes you toke seconds.

Have you ever stopped and wondered how food gets its taste?

The whole process of tasting is actually quite a complicated thing. First, we start the taste buds, tiny wart-like bumps an the tongue called "papillae." An individual has

Circle Fun

about three thousand taste buds.

We toste when the molecules in a fluid strike the hairs in the taste buds and produce a reaction. Only substances in solution, where the atoms move about freely, can be tasted. A glass ball, for example, has no toste.

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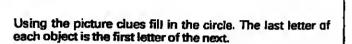
Anything that makes atoms move faster Intensifies taste. Heat does this and that's why hat coffee has a more bitter taste than cald caffee, and why meat tastes beffer

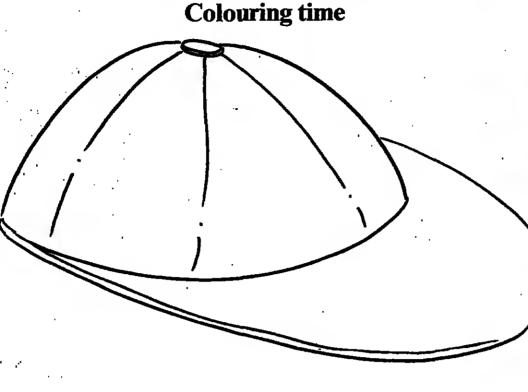
Our toste buds register three ar four different sensations: sweet, salt, bitter, and perhaps also sour. Different parts of the tongue are more sensitive to different tostes. The back of it is more sensitive to bitter, the sides to sour and salt, the tip to sweet.

Since aimost all our foods are composed of various substances, they produce mixed sensations of taste. An apple is sour and sweet. And the taste sensation itself is a

mixed sensation. There is no pure taste. We experience pressure, cold, heat, odor Impressions as we taste. The combination of many sensations results in what we call the taste of food. And at least half of what we think of as "taste" is really ador! Coffee, tea, tobacco, apples, oranges, lemons, and other things really stimulate the sense of smell, as we enjoy them more than the







Take-away tales: 4 Ten darling starlings Are gazing up to beaven. Three fly off to roost. Now there are The second secon Nine zippy ge-korts Are parked in my drive. Four zip off home. Now there are Ten flopping fregs Are sipping summer wine One Rops away Now there are Eight checky chimps Do their party tricks. Two rush off home. New there are.

Knowledge

Knowledge is the thing which we get in school. The person without knowledge is called a fool. Knowledge is given to us

by teachers. Sometimes persons with knowledge become prea-

Knowledge is important In our daily life.

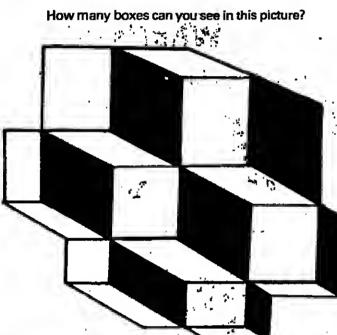
As it is an important In every person's life.

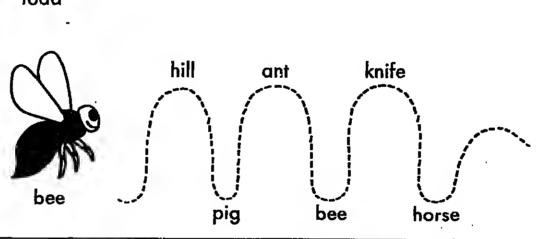
So try to gain more

knowledge. Day by Day. And you will become an important person. Some day.

Maimuna G. Chinwala, **New Indian School**

How many Boxes?





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Recognizing the names of animals

apple

The animals are hopping and flying in search of their names.

Follow their paths with your pencil. Stop when you find their names.

The Goops again



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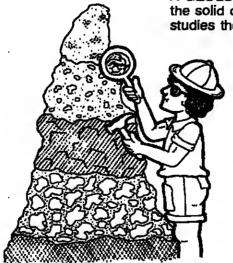
Pianos are considered toys By Goops, and naughty girls and boys; They pound upon the keys, *** They lift the cover up, on top, To see the little jiggers hop, And both the pedals squeeze! But instruments so rich and fine

(Especially if they're not mine) I ought to treat with care; So when my elder sister plays

She'll find it is in tune always, Nor injured anywhere!

Careers With The Changing Earth

Do you think the Earth is interesting to learn about? Would you like to have a job learning about the changing earth? Some people do! Here is a job for people who like to learn about the Earth.



A GEOLOGIST is an Earth scientist. A geologist studies the solid outer crust of the Earth. A geologist also studies the liquid inner mantle of the Earth.

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A geologist can study rocks to find out whatanimals lived long ago. He or she can find oil and metals we need. A geologist also studies earthquakes and volcanoes.

Answer these questions about what a geologist does. Then color the picture.

- 1. A geologist studies the solid outer and the liquid inner of the Earth.
- 2. A geologist can study r to find out what animals lived long ago. 3. A geologist can find o
- 4. A geologist studies e

FIND OUT MORE!

VOLCANOLOGIST_

Many geologists pick parts about the Earth that they like to study most. Here are four special jobs that geologists do. Look up each one in the encyclopedia and write what each special job is.

1. PALEONTOLOGIST _ 2. MINERALOGIST_ SEISMOLOGIST_

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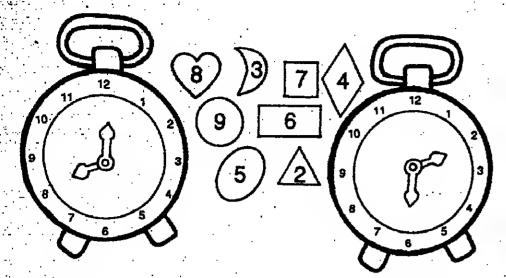
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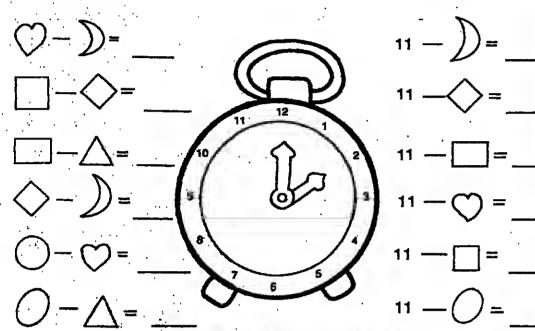
ping wood for the fireplace, or a modernist with a solar heating system, yo be familiar with these "heated words."

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COOL .	HEAT	PILOT	WATER
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Clocks





Use the "shape key" to find the answers.

Here are some pictures of words that begin with c. Point to each picture. Say the words.

Color the pictures. Trace the letter c with o

pencil. Proctice making the letter.

Happy birthday





ned 9 on May 7.





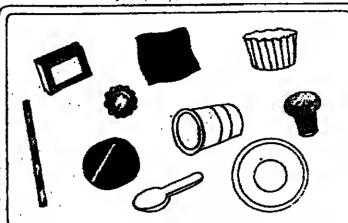
Amazing facts

The kangaroo is an odd-looking animal, but the reason it is called a 'kangaroo' is even stranger. When the first explorers saw one in Australia, they asked a native aborigine what its name was. Not understanding their question he said 'I do not know,' in the aborigine language that is 'Aon-go-roo.'

Edward VII used to weigh his guests after week-ends at Sandringham to ensure that they had eaten well.

Matching games

Collect two of each of lots of different household junk items.

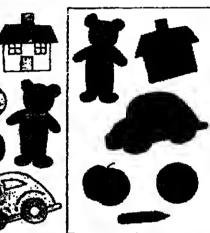


Lay one of each object on a tray and put the others in a bag. Close your eyes, feel in the bag and guess what the object is. Then match it with the same one on the tray.

Cut out pictures with definite shapes from old greetings cards.

Draw round these on asheet of paper and colour black to make shadow pictures.

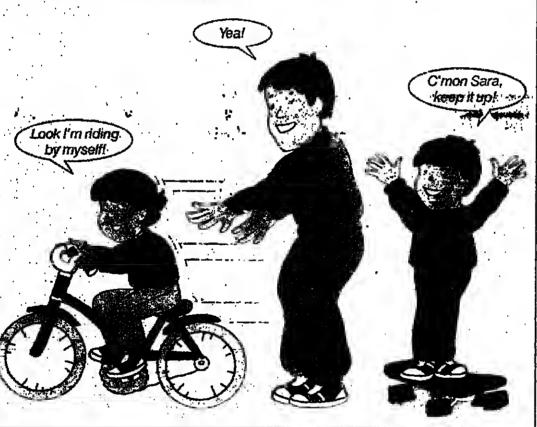
Now match the colour picture with its black shape.



Questions you'd like to ask

Does it matter if I don't do things right the first time?

No-it's unusual for someone to do something right the first time. Think about learning to ride a bicycle. It takes a lot of practice. You try and try, and suddenly one day you can do it. What is important is to keep trying until you succeed.



Firsts and lasts

The last time that British soldiers fought in scarlet uniforms was in the 'Ashanti' campaign, fought in what is now Ghana, in 1895.

The first 'cardigan' was named after the Earl of Cardigan who made it fashionable in the late nineteenth century. He is most famous for having led the Charge of the Light Brigade during the Crimean War.

The first vacuum cleaner was made when Parking meters were first introduced in the Hubert Booth saw a machine trying to clean a railway carriage by blowing air. He thought that sucking would be better, and tried it out with a handkerchief over his mouth on his

X-certificate films were first introduced in Britain in 1951.

The last time a lance was used as a weapon in the British cavalry was as recently as 1927.

The Greek god 'Pan' first gave the name of panic to the English language. He was the god of shepherds and used to jump out and frighten tired travellers, so the word 'Panic' came to mean sudden fear.

American state of Oklahoma in 1935.

On 19th September, 1897, a taxi driver, George Smith, became the first motirist in Britain to be convicted of drunken driving.

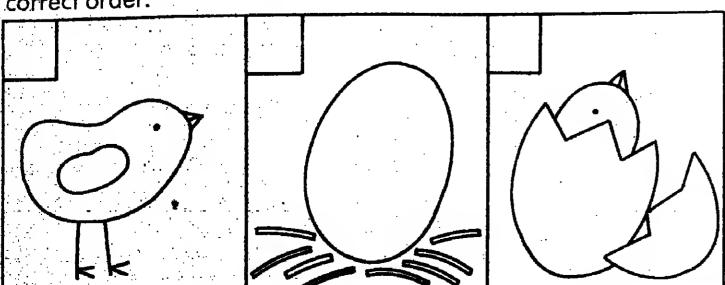
What's missing?

Spot the six things that are missing in this picture.



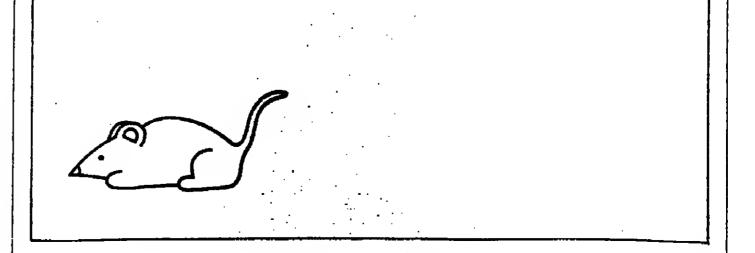
The right order

Number each set of pictures 1, 2 and 3 so that they tell the story in the correct order.



The biggest to the smallest

By each animal, draw a small one. Now draw another one even smaller.







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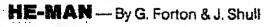






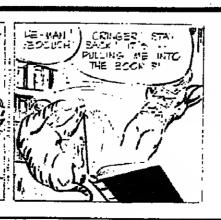
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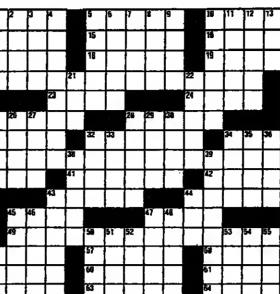








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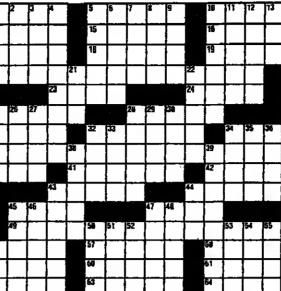
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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

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What action do you take? A .- Your intermediates are rather What do you bid now? attractive, but your singleton king of spades is not as advantageous as it might seem - to draw trumps, partner must waste an entry to get back to his hand. All in all, we prefer a slightly conservative pass.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ AK8 AQ54 Void 4 A109653 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East 1 + Pass

What do you bid now? A.—Since North surely has a fivecard spade suit for his free bid of one spade, you have located an eight-card major fit. However, there's no need to go jumping yet. Continue painting a picture of your hearts.

Q.3-Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

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What do you bid now? A .- Your spade fit has improved your hand, and you certainly iotend to reach game. But you might have a slam, and you don't want to jump in spades with ooly three-card support. You can suggest slam and more clearly define your support by first bidding three-clubs, then raising spades next.

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A .- if you only bid three spades. partner might think you are simply of the laking a profession was live live doubleton spade. You can show a vour good currently to the control of the control your good support by jumping to standard four spades oow. Cue-bidding the standard four spades oow. ace of hearts before supporting spades would be too pushy.

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What do you bid now?

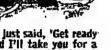
A —You certainly want to play in game in one of your suits. However, in the show a jump to three hearts by you would the show a hand with more in high cards a heart in distribution. holding with the reverse bid of two hearts. best describe this type of hand with salm of the a jump to four hearts. ester le the d

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

AJ5 AQJ653 Vnid A762 Your right-hand opponent opens de aus he has the bidding with one club. What was in action do you take?

THE SPRACE A.—Hed the opening bid been one grant hit diamond, e takeout double fol-entendence lowed by a bid in hearts would have with hour described your hand perfectly. But admit of after a ooe club, a takeout double with a void in one of the suits you in there much are promising courts disaster. Our vote goes to a slightly conservative அறு வி. பி. one-heart overcall. Property ...







"You realise, son - if you stay, you'll have to pay Poll tax!"

YOUR STARS



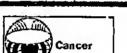
You should make sure you car a diet with an adequate vitamin and mineral content. Your attention is liable to wander and you should do all you can to avoid this trend. Avoid idle chatter and do not pay too much attention to gossip either Be courteous,



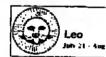
Not everything will be to your liking but you should try to make the most of things. Just think of how much worse things could have been. You should avoid being too fond of the sound of your own voice. Be reasonable.



If you are not quite sure then do examine the alternatives most carefully before deciding on what to do. You should not be opposed to change, but do not make changes just for the sake of novelty. Do your best to avoid waste and pollution.



Everything will tend to take longer than you had hoped so make sure you do not squander time. And do conserve your energies too. However, that does not mean you should be lazy or inactive. Be on your guard.



You should not allow your prigciples to desert you. And if you feel what you are about to do is even slightly wrong do think again. Give others the benefit of any doubt. Be moderate.



Make sure you have not left anything that you ought to have done undone. Things are not quite what they seem to be so look a little beneath the surface. Make sure you are suitably dressed for the occasion and the weather. Be tactful.



Do your utmost to keep things simple: there is nothing to be galoed from creating complications. Do not make out that you are an expert on a subject that you do really not know all that much about. Respect convention but do not be adhered too slavishly to it. Be more tolerant.



You are more liable to make mistakes, so do check what you have door yet again. Do oot spend too much time oo secondary matters. Nor should you spend too much money on extravagances. Be loyal.



A hobby, fascinating though it is, should not be allowed to become an obsession. You should show a little more goodwill lowards others. Make sure you keep a prumise you have made. Be sincere.



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You should not allow your at when the p imagination to run away with you. Do not try to take the credit for something you have not done. Remember legal limits, if you are meludic exceed them you will be the worse are and Mitch for it. Be less impatient.



"Have you given any thought to my pay raise?"



"Your wife's still standing in the doorway."

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Family trees – your root to fortune

By Carlton Stewart

HUGH PESKETT'S favourite pastime is opening cupboards and seeing skeletons tumble out of them.

For he is Britain's most successful genealogist and - for a price - will trace anybody's ancestry back as far as he can. It was he who traced President Reagan's roots back to Ballyooreen in Ireland and, recently, he showed interest in Eurythmics popstar Dave Stewart's claim to the title of Duke of Northumberland.

But he's not just a genealogist to the stars: "I get an enormous kick out of tracking the obscure anceslors of quite prdinary folk - uniting, for instance, Americans with often very distant relatives in Scotland," he says.

But, with an endearing stutter and a mischievous grin, he adds: I do get involved in numerous family wrangles over thles and inheritances, too."

The 54-year-old former sheep farmer is not one for disguising the truth and it's a fair bet that Princess Michael of Kent, for one, would be distinctly displeased by Hugh's revelations.

His research has revealed that among ber ancestors she can certainly boast John of Gaunt, Philippe of France and Catherine of Castille, the Kings of Savoy and the French Kings Henry II and IV. "More interesting though," says Hugh," is the fact that the Princess'

mother, Countess Marianne Koczorowska - a pure-hred Hungarian aristocrat. - is a direct descendant of the blood-thirsty tyrant, Vlad the Impaler, who was the inspiration for Count Dracula."

And the present heir to the dukedom of Northumberland, 33-year-old Earl Percy. certainly would not relish losing bis inheritance to Dave Stewart.

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But Stewart, who says he has a claim to the litle, could have an ally in Hugh Peskctt. Says Hugh: "Mr Stewart is perfectly entitled to put forward his claim and I would like to see any evidence he has.

"It is not beyond the bounds of possibility. Northumberland is one of those slightly odd Dukedoms which was in fact recreated in 1766 so there might be a link somewhere."

But Hugh stresses that he is not just interested in selting cats among ducal pigeons. He made Reagan very happy with his discoveries about the former president's roots.



Research, Hugh traces the ancestors back in the archives

But before he made any claims official, Hugh spent bours researching. He is very much a geneologist in the fast lane and likes getting out to where the evidence is. So he got on a plane armed with his portable computer, trudged all over Ireland in search of Reagans but unly found that Reagan when he reached Ballyoreen and was able to establish that the former president was a direct descendant of Ireland's monarch King Brian Boru.

And, not to be outdone by his boss, Vice-President George Bush also asked Hugh to do some research: "A family of ordinary yeoman farmers in Essex were his

ancestors," he says.

Currently, all his energies are tied up with the niveting case of Pelham Humpries and the Great Texas Oil Gusher.

It has plunged Hugh into what might have been a Zane Grey novel, filmed with leathery stars like John Wayne and Ran-

The real-life Palham Humphries went to Texas in the 1830s to seek his fortune, buying up 4,000 acres of marshy land. Sixty years later it was gushing oil -- one of the world's nichest strikes.

Says Hugh: "The question is: Who owns theoil? Who are the heirs? And, believe me, that's no academic question — even after 120 years. The furture is woth £2 billion and it is attracting interest at \$15 million a



Teamwork: Loving eouple Hugh and his genealogist wile Pamela

"Some 2,000 people elaim to be descendants and say they are entitled to a piece of the action. But are they?"

That is why a group of Ibem are paying Hugh Peskett seams of gold to find out... The quest is taking him on a fantastic journey back into the archives of Texas, Tennessee and Mexico. "Blow away the dust of the libraries," he says," and you are into the world of bar room hrawls, lynch mobs, gun fights -- and childless old Pel-ham Humphries sitting on all that land."

He is only too conscious that at the end of the trail be will have made many enemies. Out of the 2,000 claims he reckons that 200 may turn out to be genuine. For the lucky ones, there is the prospect of oil estate legacies of between £75,000 and £7.5 million.

Hugh, too, makes a good mint from his digging into the past. He is a jet-set gen-ealogical Sherlock Holmes and bas cornered the world market in round-the-globe ancestral hunts.

lt is an obsession which, he will tell you elecfully, has already caused one computer to break down and is well on the way to exhausting the resources of another. And if the glossy 20th century tools of information technology strike you as a hit

incongruous in an ancestor-tracing

floor to ceiling is crammed with the textbooks of his trade. There are, among others, dusty volumes on the intimate history of four English Dukes, a French polisher from Dundee and the family trees of all yes all - the men who defended the Alamo. Lond dead ghosis from the British secret service haunted Hugh when it came to

Sherlock, then take a look inside the study

of his Winchester home. Every inch from

discovering just who inherited the title of Earl of Annandale back in the 18th Cen-

After four years work, he tracked down a missing Jacohite rebel heir whu died in Poland, leaving only a daughter to continue the line.

The vital proof turned up, not in Poland, hut in Dresden, where military archives outlined how the British spy network had recorded the rebel brother's death in Jan-

Hugh left Dresden and, to confirm his discovenes, went to the Public Records Office and waded through a stack of reports from the British Ambassador in Poland for the year when the heir is supposed to bave died.

He recalls triumphantly: "Eventually, there it was. Not only did it confirm the death, but stated that the man had left a wife and daughter.

Peskett's findings were regarded as nothing less than sensational by genealogists and historians who had beavered away

for years on the Annandale case. What is the edge he has on his n'vals? He believes: 'Too many stick to the obvious sources -- registers of births, marriages and deaths. You've got to be prepared to move around. Tomorrow I could be in the Vatican library getting eyestrain from centuries of archives, many of them in Latin.

'That doesn't worry me. By now I've learnt to plough through them as if they were morning newspapers at the breakfast "And your motto has to be; never give

It was fairly desultory research into his own family history that started him off on

a job virtually no one else has, Illness forced him to give up sheep-farming and he started delving casually into West Country records until a prominent local landowner asked him if he could prove his night to an ancient coal of arms. Hugh did it in just two days.



Detective: genealogist Hugh is on the Irail of the heirs to Texas oil fortunes

Conservation

Boosting genetic diversity

Interest in rare breeds

FREESTONE, California, (AP): Frazier, the fourhomed Navajo-Churro ram, and a flock of sheep look odd. hu. Hans Peter Jorgensen is serious when be says they can help a world being consumed hy sameness.

Factory farming that produces cheap, easy-to-raise "clone-like animals" ultimately presents more nsks than benefits, said the manager of the CS Foundation Farm. "It's a short-term gain for a

long-term, serious, serious loss." The situation now is similar to the Irish potato famine of the 1840s, said Jorgensen. In those years a hlight wiped out the potato crop and the resulting starvation and disease killed about 750,000 people. Had the I rish relied on more varieties of potatoes some might have resisted the blight and prevented famine, he said.

"That was a crisis in genetie diversity," he said. The danger of losing plant and animal diversity has not escaped agricultural specialists and the US government.

Two weeks ago officials from the US department of Agriculture and major US universities mel in Madison, Wisconsin 10 draft a proposal for a National Animal Gene Bank. The plan for a genetic resources cunservation programmes that would house varieties of animals will be submitted to congress for funding when it is completed, said Erie Bradford, professor of animal science at University of California at Davis.

Currently, there is much more of a conservation effort made for plants, said Bradford. National and international seed bank exists to protect their variety, he said.

While there has always been a interest in rare hreeds and the novel, there is particular concero production conditions, Bradford said.

Most American eggs are layed by white Leghorn chiekens and the majority of Amercian milk is produced by Hoistein eows, a species that is also taking over in Europe, he said. Both species are exceptionally productive, leading to a reliance on

When plants and animals are identical genetically, they have the same strengths and weaknesses," said a paper produced by the private, New

York eity-based CS Foundation.
The CS Foundation, financed by Montana raneher and General Motors heiress Maryanne Mott, supports various eauses its directors believe promote human and cultural survival, "Our position is: don't throw the genes away,

sen. Extinction is forever; you don't get them (species) back." 'Uniformity engenders vulnerability ,'' the Foun-

your grandehildren might need them," said Jorgen-

dation said in its recent report.

"Between 1600 and 1900, experts estimate that one plant or animal became extinct every four years," the report said. "Today it is estimated that at least one species is disappeaning each day."

The Foundation quoted recent studies that show less than 5 per cent of the vegetable seed varieties available in the United States in 1903 are still To protect rare species, the CS Foundation has

hired Jorgensen to run a farm on about 15 acres (six hectares) in the town of Freestone. The farm, about 65 miles (104 kilometres) north of San Francisco, has rare breeds of cattle, horses,

But the Foundation hopes to boost genetic diver-sity preservation through education and "living history farms" to keep rare breeds. Its targets included the Navajo-Churro sheep and

more recently the bronze Turkey.

The Courro sheep has a 450-year history in North America, dating to when they were left behind by Spanish conquistadors who had taken them on journeys as food. But the Navajo Indians began using the Churro - with its long, coarse, double-

coated fleece - for ceremonial rugs. There are only about 50 North American Churros

today; but 10 per cent of their rare gene pool is in Freestone's flock. At Utah State University, Churro sheep project spokeswoman Kristy Selman said the animal is

valuable for its ability to resist internal parasites and contagious fool rot, problems traditionally expensive for the sheep industry.
The success of the Foundation's efforts on behalf

of the Turkey remains to be seen. The type of Turkey commonly raised by commercial growers has been bred for white meat, an absence of pin feathers and breast muscles so large the poultry can't male naturally. Reproduction is handled by artifical insemination.

"I think we've taken a little step too far," said Jorgensen while gazing at his flock.

Beguiling visitors with old Chinese charm

LUIANG, China, (Reuter): Hidden away in a valley in southwest China's Yunnan Province is Lijiang, a town beguiling visitors with old Chinchang at the manufacture of final plana.

Cafes along its narrow, winding streets, in a modest concession to the handlaf of foreign guests, bear names like Mi Mis, Ali Baba's and the Number 40 Teahouse. They serve pizza and hamburgers and boast of food. "like mother

used to make on her good days."

Their clients are mainly Western trekkers seeking some of the mystique for which Kathmandu was famous in the 1960s.

A signboard peeks out from wooden shutters amid the low mud and brick buildings with the invitation: "Try our croquettes. You'll never

look at a potato with disrespect again."

Lijiang is a humpy 17-hour bus ride from the provincial capital of Kunmung, almost on the edge of Tibet. In World War II an airfield served as a refuelling station for American aircraft bring-

ing supplies from India over the Himalayas, bener known as the 'hump' to support Chiang

Kai Shek's struggle against Japan. In the 1920 Teddy Roosevelt, by then a for-mer US President, ventured here in search of big game. He found it, reducing the now protected great panda population by one.

The craggy, snowcapped-peaks of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountains riseabove the Lijiang valley, reaching heights of more than 5,500

Below live the Nakhi people, a Tibeto-Bur-man minority who brought their matriarchal culture from Tibet and once were part of the powerful kingdom of Dali. Nakhi women still wear the distinctive dress.

figuratively earrying the cosmos on their backs. Quilted capes bear seven dises, symbolising the stars, and reminding the Nakhi of an ancient

victory over their Pumi neighbours.
One of Lijiang's attractions to some foreign travellers is marijuana, which grows wild in abundance. It is used by the Nakhi as seasoning for their food and fertiliser for their fields but they are aware of other uses for it.
"In August, during the harvest season, young

Westerners ask where this grows," says the obliging owner of one of the town's cafes. "I understand they smoke it."

A huge statue of the late Chairman Mao

Tsetung looks over the centre of town. Perhaps in keeping with the great helmsman's eagerness to serve the people, the base of the statue props up a sign that reads. "A Bicycles for Hire." Farmers from villages around the region tramp twice yearly to Lijiang's animal fair, when the pace of life quickens ever so slightly.

One group of men sat patiently on a dusty hill, waiting for sale. Beside them were their 20 mules and donkeys, brought down from a remote village, a five-day march to the North. "We haven't sold any so far," said a man in his twenties, speaking on the last day of the fair. Asked what he would do if no buyers appeared,

he replied: "We'll walk back home." But there are reminders of less peaceful times Fading Chinese characters on the mud wall of a home hark back to the cultural revolution, a decade of left-wing inspired chaos that began

"Resolutely return to the schools to make revolution," it reads. For some, a harsher reality exists than the tranquil town. A few hours' drive from Lijiang,

in 1966 and convulsed even this remote town.

convicts at a labour camp break rocks and push huge boulders out of the way to clear a road. A shy looking Tibetan takes a break from his tasksand confides he is serving 13 years for rare.

Back in Lijiang the calm along the main street is suddenly shattered as a motorcade of police cars cruises by, sirens blaring. Riding on an open truck is a convicted criminal — a stake tied to his back proclaims his name and his crime of

The cars move slowly towards the execution ground outside of lown. The truck returns, apparently without him, later that afternoon.

But for most residents—and the odd foreign backpacker — Lijiang is far away from the rest of the world or even Beijing. "We don't really know much about Beijing," said a schoolgirl. "It's so far away."



Bridges makes movies a family affair

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): Beau Bridges is doing what he likes best, appearing on film with a member of his family, in the hilarious new comedy Daddy's Dyin' ...

Who's Got the Will? This time his kissin' kin is daughter Emily, 3, who makes her film debut siging a couple of songs in the slory of a Texas family's cupidity when the paterfamilias bites the dust.

Perhaps more than any other contemporary performer - including the Fondas, Barrymores and Mitchums - Bridges has worked with more and varied

relatives. The easy-going Bridges estimales 25 to 30 appearances with family members both as actor and director.

"It's nepotism of the best kind," he said. "I love working with my parents. my brother, my wife and children. We communicate so well and know each other's shorthand that it speeds up production time and improves the project."

Bridges' best known collaboration with a family member was last year's boxoffice smash The Fabutous Baker Boys with younger brother (by eight years)

In most incidents of Bridges family nepotism. Beau has been the prime mover. However, it was brother Jeff who suggested to the producers that Beau would be perfect as his piano-playing brother in The Fahulous Baker Boys.

The boys' father, Lloyd Bridges, began the tradition when he was the star of television's Sea Hunt adventure series.

"Dad got us started when I was just a kid," Bridges said. "I made two appearances on Sea Hunt and later on The Lloyd Bridges Show a couple of times. I was in a stage version of All My

Sons with dad when I was 6. "We did a TV special many years ago, too. Then I directed him in two movies, which means I did about eight or nine projects with dad alone.



Beau Bridges: easy going

"Jeff and I co-hosted Saturday Night Live and I directed him in a Disney TV special and, of course, there was The Baker Boys.

My sons Jordan and Casey have appeared a couple of times each in movies l directed, along with my sister Cindy. I also gave roles to my son Dillon and my wife Wendy who once appeared pregnant with Emily. I can't forget my mother, who also acted in one of my TV movies.

I'm not the only Bridges who works with the family. Jeff appeared with dad in Tucker and our mom worked with Jeff in See You In The Morning.

Bridges enjoys recounting the only trouble encountered in a family workout. Many years ago he and his father costarred in a film on location in Australia. In one particular scene, Beau's mind was wandering. He just wasn't paying atten-

"The scene called for dad to slap me in a close-up." Beau recalled. "Before the

shot he assured me it would be a light slap that would calch the fleshy part of my cheek and wouldn't hurt at all.

'(But) he was feeling I wasn't with it, so when we got to the slap he nailed me so hard he almost broke my jaw. He was trying to create an emotional effect that would really work on camera.

"I nearly freaked out. It was a good take, but afterward I told him how much it hurt. I said I couldn't believe he had done it. I was fuming.

'(Then) when it came to dad's closeup, I grabbed him by the chest through his clothes and pushed him up against the wall - very hard. He reeled hack in pain. "After the scene we were sitting around

and I said, 'God, Dad, I still feel the pain in my jaw. I can't believe you did that." And he said 'What do you mean, you can't believe it. Look at this.' Then he reaches down inside his shirt

to his chest and took out a handful of hair that I had ripped off his chest. That must have really hurt. "(Then) there was the time he took me to the set when I was a kid to watch his unforgettable fight with Gary Cooper in

High Noon. It was a tremendous fight and very complicated. Cooper was ill and they didn't want to do it twice. "Well they put me up on a catwalk, warning me to be absolutely quiet. The scene went all the way through the fight without a problem until the end, when

Cooper grabbed a bucket of water and

poured it on dad. "I laughed my head off and ruined the take. My father was shocked, afraid he might get fired from the picture. They did it again perfectly, but we were all upset that Cooper and the rest of the company would be angry with us.

Back at the location hotel that evening, Cooper asked out family to have dinner with him. During dinner he never once mentioned the incident on the set. "Other than that, working with my family has been terrific."



RAF to the rescue

RESCUES from any type of situation, on land or sea, whatever the weather, are routine for crews of the Royal Air Force's Search and Rescue service, standing watch over an area from the Faroes, north west of the Shetland Isles, to the English Channel in the south, and from halfway across the Atlantic Ocean weswards to a similar distance across the North Sea.

Within this vast area emergen cies range from missing tourists unfamiliar with dangerous terrain, cragfast or fallen elim-bers, lost children and expectant mothers, to foreign shipping in distress, erashed aircraft and major oilfield disasters. On-thespot first aid, and eommunications with HM Coastguard, the police, ambulance crews and the fire brigade (togetber with European rescue services if appropriate) ensure a rapid and co-ordinated response to any situation - more often than not. saving lives.

Seen here (left) one of 202 Squadron's "D Flight" Sea King helicopters from RAF Lossiemouth in north east Scotland (one of Britain's busiest search and rescue units goes to the aid of a stranded climber. This aircraft uses sophisticated navigalion equipment enabling the pilot to reach distant locations with pinpoint accuracy.

Constant training and a mental attitude synonymous with selfless courage in the face of the most distressing scenes have earned the RAF an international repulation for search and rescue know-bow.

At any one time 20 aircraft are on standby at 14 coastal locations in the UK. This plus a rapid response Nimrod patrol plane packed with electronic tracking hardware and able to drop flares and dinghies, offers a reassuring measure of respons to anyone in UK waters or on land.

VARIETY



Behind the screen

Sawan Kumar o: "Souten" series is oot satisfied with searching for new faces in Bombay. So he fixed up a suite in the Holiday Inn at New Delhi and advertised in all the capital's papers saying "Are you the girl Sawan Kumar is giving a fahulous hreak to, opposite Salman Khan in "Sanam Bewafa"? If so contact with photographs at". He also kept a safe alternative in case the personal response was poor "Or rush photos and bio-data by speed post".
The results so far has not been encouraging, and a

girl called Rukhsar has been selected.

With the Amhanis of Reliance Industries being in the news for Larsen — Touhro take-over and other political matters, the patriarch has asked his sons to keep a low profile. The other boys are not even photographed yet, but Anil Ambani is constantly before the cameras because of his former connections with Tina Munim, When Sunjay Dutt and Ambani were seen together at a party, people revived memories, Sunjay had been very possessive about Tina during the "Rocky" days, but he had forgotten her when Ambani took over and now the industrial prince has also got over that.

 Mithun's zeal for promoting new talents, exclsively female, seems to be unending. Apart from Varsha and Arzoo, he is all for Amita Nangia and recommends her to producers. Perhaps, preserving something for a rainy day?

Govinda wants to play to He-man Dharmendra

at any cost, even at the cost of getting beaten. There were some gate-crashers at the shooting of his "Apmaan Ki Aag", who bribe the gate-keepers for entry. They began behaving like ticket-huyers and made dirty comments about the Virar Boy and his heroine Sonam-Govinda started to beat them up-"Dhishum dhishum" and was about to be overp-owered when the studio manager and watchmen hroke up the fight.

Directors who come too close to their young heroines end up in hospital. Ramesh Sippy's affair with Kiran Juneja was going on well after his wife's leaving the house. But the man had a heart stroke and got bed-ridden in a clinic for weeks. Rajiv Rai wooed and vowed eternal love to Sonam. But he has to cool his heels with a bout of malaria. Industry people said "If this much of Sonam can cause malaria, Aage aage dekhiye hata hai kya (let's see what happens next).

Heromes doing bold rape scenes and sexy dances must take a lesson from what happen to Meenakshi Sheshadri at a location for "Naacher Naagin Gali Gali". The heroine was dancing to the required steps, when a village vokel Vishwanath Mishra jumped on her and started moolesting her, while she kept fighting back. The onlookers thought it was a rape scene being filmed and stood watching, till a unit-vala intervened. But Meenakshi's mother decided not to file any complaint about it. Strange?



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Answer: You probably have no reason to be nervous about the operation because cataract surgery is currently the most common major surgical procedure performed on people over 65 who are on Medicare. Most of the operations are very successful and a very high percentage of those who have lens implantation report a big

improvement in their vision. One study reported the results of cataract surgery with tens replacement on patients between the ages of 70 and 95 vears old. Before the operation, 91 per cent of the par-ticipants rated their own vision as fair or poor. Four months after the surgery, 66 per cent of the cataraet patients rated their vision as excellent or good.

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Study shows excellent results from cataract

Question: There are mornings I just can't get my old bones moving. Strange as it may seem, they either are rainy days or Mondays. Is there any evidence in medical writings that there is more truth than liction in this commonly held

Answer: While t can't speak for Mondays, researchers are discovering that there may indeed be strong links between the weather and the state of people's emotions. A new term - biometerology - has been coined to describe

One theory holds that a falling barometer causes the body to absorb more water from the intestinal tract leading to swelling that can add up to an inch to the waistline: the retained water also puts extra pressure on dssues in the brain, leading to frotability and depression in many people. Studies have indicated that people have markedly slower reaction times during cloudy, snowy, or raioy weather than on sunny days.

Another theory states that electromagnetic waves from storms influence activity in the brain, while still others point to the simple physical discomfort of hot, muggy weather combined with increased outdoor lessure time, as leading to increased crimes rates in the summer.

Additional studies have linked bad weather with a variety of physical complaints: emergency room records tie the onset of a cold wave with rise in asthma and migraine attacks, as well as colic and strokes. In cold weather, the body tends to crave more fats and calories in order to keep warm. As scientists learn more about the way weather affects people, they may be able to anticipate and prevent many health and social problems.

Indian Cinema

Shape of movies to come from Bombay

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

MANY new films are in the pipeline, giving us an indication of shape of things to come.

There are announcements galore. Gautam Sen will direct Jackie Shroff in Shamhhu Saha's Hindi-Bengali untitled film presented by Pehlaj Nihalani. The only other star who has been signed is Bengal's Prasenjeet.

Perhaps they may withhold the name of the heroine to create mystery or run a contest for her choice. Rajan Sippy got a lot of mileage by declaring Anil Kapoor as the Maluraja and asked the public to select the Maharani. It all ended when Sri Devi signed for the role, but the publicity: "Wanted a queen" generated a cart-load of

Another Sri Devi film making waves is Khuda Gawah hravely directed by Mukul Anand despite Agnecpath. The Pathan backdrop and the elaborate costumes are drawing our attention towards Khuda Gawali. Sri looks stunningly beautiful in some Muslim dresses, unlike Hema did in Razia Sultana. But with the Indo-Pak conflicts over Kashmir, such themes and characters are kept low key.

Parallel to Sri Devi, Anil Kapoor figures prominently in many films just released or coming. He has done a nice domestic role with Meenakshi in Ghar Ha To Aisa". And after "Kishen Kanhaiya". his films are eagerly waited, including his hrother's "Roop Ki Rani Choran Ka Raja" with Sri. Meanwhile, somebody else has already marketed a small budget movic Choran Ki Ravi Hasinon Ka Raja". It's a small (film) world.

After Anil comes the loveable Rishi Kapoor. Without any drum-beating, he is number two in the present race. Azoad Desh Ke Ghulam" with Rekha has hit the market. His Sher Dil with Dharam and Kimi is rated as a potential winner with the right dose of action, comedy and music, "Sheshnaag" with Rekha may follow.

Mithun, miraculaously affoat despite his share of hits and flops and, has recovered ground with "Dushman" in Hindi and Ben-gali and "Pati Patni Aur Tawaif, in which Salma Agha too has a big stake. At present Mithun is shuttling between Bombay. Delhi and Soviet Union where the co-pro "Shikari" is being shot. He also stars with Madhuri in "Mahapaap" and with some new actresses in others. But the southern filmmakers have given him a totally new look a crew cut, a moustache and a deautiful heroine Sumanlata for "Swarg Narak Yahan'. Yahan Ohviously, the Bengali hahu is

having the best of both worlds. Vinod Khanna comes up with "Garjana" [roat] and "Pathar Ke Insaan" with drama and romance. Both have Sri Devi and are progressing fast. But Vinod



Rishi Kapoor and Kimi Katkar in Sherdil.

will be at his best in action films like "Dharani Sankar" recently shot in Udaipur. Anil Sharma hads been creating a "stir" with "Tahelka", mustering the entire star east to shoot non-stop in outdoors including stars like Dharmendra, Jaya Prada, Naseeruddin, Sanjay Dutt and

Sadashiv Amrapurkar.

Good old Jectendra is not left behind and is happily sandwi-ched between Rekha and Radhika quarrelling over him in "Mera Pati Sirf Mero Hai". He also fools around with other girls

in the same film. A film attracting notice is a rare Dev Anand starrer "Aman Ke Farishtay", the only one he is doing apart from his own "San Karod", Kadar Kashmiri is directing "Aman" with co-stars Aasif, Ektaa, Javed Jaffrey and some guest starts like Hema Malini and Kadar Khan. It is the same film where TV's "Draupadi" Roopa Ganguly

does a break-dance with Jaffrey. Mithun holds some special magnetism in West Bengal, So his producers provide for a Bengali version, Now other stars are following in his footsteps. We already talked of Jackie. But Govinda, the dancing star is also being tried out by Vimal Kumar for "Karz Chukana Hai". Hindi and "Rin Shodh" Bengali. The Bengali dialogue is by Mukul Dutt. The other stars are Kinti, Kadar Khan, Shoma Anand ctc.

A talked about film Jagmohan Mundhra's "Vish Kanya". The makers are from America and will soon go back to do more English movies. The cast has the odd couple Pooja Bedi and Kunal [Monaj] Goswami. The

songs are in the queer voice Peenaz Masani. And the satory ahout a girl hrought up on snak poison. The director recently littles of huge fire and hlew up a van, apartition filming scenes with the partition.

and Pooja's dad Kabir.
The other more famoul من مربورات "snake cum Sri Devi- Charmer" namely Harmesh Malhotra is al agog about "Benjarin" (Gyps) girl). He took the whole unit to Jaipur along with Sri and Rish Kapoor last month, to shoot ii WE lovely Sisodia Gardeos an ELIVE Amber Palace which is now botel Sri Devi had to sing, dance [1] and romance in various colour mains at fuldresses and make-up for the director to nearly complete the film. Obviously their sprits ar not damped by the Ropping o "Nigahen"

"Nigahen" Al-G!
After 'Mother India' ango Ser"
"Son of India", there will now he so to so been launched by Kuku Kapooi Mean Means while we wondor what ever hanpened to "Hindustan Ki Beti" UNIT with Poonam Dhillon, "Indira with Hema and "Great Mother agent for with Maja Sinha. But the firstSatum-print of "India Today" was read M/386 to for showing to distributors MTRS, At Produced - directed by Abdul DUNTING Sattar and written by Iqba DUNTING Khan, it has new artistes like Ani Kochar, Meghna and Hasan COFFER Khan. Who knows what will bus-linix... the fate of this and several such SEII+



Sn Devi and Surendra Pala in a scene from Khuda Gawah.

Mini Meet: Sri Devi

If you are happy, she is too!

A star is always more relaxed on outdoor locations than in the studio or a make-up room. Sri Devi was recently shooting in Jaipur and did not mind when a press party tagged along. This gave us a chance to ask her a few questions which in between the dance shots:

How hard do you work on each role? "It all depends on these gentlemen (she said pointing to the director and writer). If they create a

role where the going is tough. I get going hy making myself tough Examples? "Nigahen." "Sherni," "Sadına" -- I

worked real hard. Do you lament that your glamour became more saleable than your art?

No. I am a professional, working since the age of leven. These things don't affect me. Whatever the industry and the people want, I give them. If they are happy. I am happy.

What if it is a dancing role, as you are doing now? Then it depends on that person (she pointed to the dance composer and the duplicate showing the movements). They decide what Sri Devi will do and how she will charm the audience (laughs).

But your real self looks so different from what

appears before the camera? Do you mean to say I am ugly looking? No no. We mean make-up and costume make so much of a difference, add glamour,

These are tricks of the trade. If I just wake up and come before the camera, how can it work? Even if somebody takes your photo, you start combing your hair, (giggles).

Has success meant a lot to you? Do you want to sacrifice everything else for that? Nothing much really. I am the same. The market value may rise or fall. I don't change. I will go on working till I am successful and my films run fairly



Sti Devi: relaxed during ouldoor shooting.

VIDEO CORNER

Flashback to 60s flower power

By Shaun Seekins

THE vogue for nostalgic films about the fifties takes a step forward with Flashback, it was predictable that the sixties would have their turn, and in Franco Amurri's latest film we get a taste if not a trip back to the haleyon days of flower power and the counter culture.

Dennis Hopper plays a 49-year-old hippie who has been on the run for the last 20 years. Apparently, he committed the crime of unbolting Spiro Agnew's private railroad car from a departing train, when he escaped from custody afterwards he made the FBI look foolish and they have never forgotten. Acting on a tip-off, the FBI have now caught him again and Kiefer Sutherland, a straight arrow G-man, is sent to escort him back to Washington state to stand trial.

Sutherland has plenty of trouble controlling the clever Hopper who manages to get him so drunk that he is able to switch places with him and on arrival, it is Sutherland who gets thrown into jail. Hopper, meanwhile, has been enjoying himself so much playing the FBI that he is kidnapped by a couple of ex-hippies who offer to exchange him for the sup-posed "Hopper wha is in jail.

While on the surface Flaskback "is just another mismatched huddies-on-theroad film. Italian director Amurri has managed to bring a fresh approach to this genre in his American debut. David Loughery's script also provides enough surprises and humour to make up for a long trip down memory lane in the middle of the film.

The highlight of the film, however, is Hopper as the many-faceted hippic who has all the good lines.

It is easy to see how Revenge got made.
On paper it must have sounded great - a steamy love triangle, Mexican locations. and Kevin Costner getting a chance to show a mean side. Unfortunately, it just proves that making a great movie needs more than just putting together some



Dennis Hopper and Kiefe: Sutherland in Flashback

good ideas.

The picture starts off well, establishing Costneras a guing-ho navy pilot, who has now decided to drop out and spend some time with a Mexican tycoon (admirably played by Anthony Quinnt. Apparently Costner saved Quinn's life sometime ago and he is received with open arms But

Quinn's beautiful wife [Madeline Stowe] is not happy with her marriage (we never find out why, apart from maybe Quinn's reluctance to spoil her hody hy making her pregnant) and she immediately leaps into a relationship with Costner.

Quinn, somewhat understandably, is miffed by this and takes revenge in a dramatic fashion. Cosiner is left for dead and Stone is sent to a bordello to suffer the degradation that Quinn thinks her unfaithfulness has merited.

The acting is good by all the stars and despite the implausible situations. Costner's and Quinn's names should be enough to guarantee reasonable success.

Laverbox stars Patrick Dempsey as a student who has to take on a job delivering pizzas when his parents cut off his allowance. He soon finds that he is making more by catering to the 'romantic' needs of scores of frustrated Beverly Hills

The Wisard is a straight rip-off of the Rainman story, not only that, it turns out

to be full length advert for Nintendo games. Most of us will be fimiliar with the story of the good-lonking brother who kidnaps his autistic sihling and takes hun on a wild, cross-country journey. But the chemistry that occurred between Dustin Hoffman and fom Cruise is absent in this version, the two brothers are played by Fred Savage and Luke Edwards. Edwards plays the forforn uncommuncative little brother whose only wish is to visit California, when his hrother gets fed up with the endless family fights, he decides to make Jimmy's wish come true and they set off on the journey. They do eventually make it to California and Jimmy turns out to be a "ward" at video games, winning \$50,0000 in a competition. As a children's movie it moves fast enough with plents of chase scenes. tokes and video game adventures. Above films by courtesy of the Video Club. Salmieh Tel 5724372, Salhiah Centre, Knwait City, Safeway Complex, Farwayivah and Fintas forces.

STARSLIPS

Sri Devi: "When the director narrates the scene, I immediately interpret it I say "Why can't we do like this?" and the director says 'okay' or says 'nothing like that'. Or I may do it suddenly — during the "take" and the director says he likes it.

Akbar Khan: No artiste has left our serial "Tipu Sultan" out of fear (of fire or inx). Mukesh Khanna was husy with other serials. And Neena Gupta was doing some shows in Calcutta. I am sure she was not afraid.



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be the reason for it? But I do like an scho Nama; he is my best friend.

Anil Kapoor: "I never told Rajan to 135 Sippy that I will work in his 56 1824 (Alfae and Analysis) (Alfae and Analysis) (Alfae and Analysis) "Maharaja" only if he has lavisus (AT6.5 launching and publicise it. "Alonoi s Madhuri Dixit: "Some people lathroc brought pressure on us that we half he of the lathroc brought pressure the "Thurshould not picturise the "Thun of the lord color" song because there is a sold color song because there is a sold 2 similar one in Amitabh's "Hum". But both Sunjay Duft,

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Bernard breaks record

VALDEZCARAY, Spain, May 9. (AP): Frenchman Jean Francois Bernard shattered a year-old Tour of Spain record yesterday, winning the 15th stage, an uphill individual time trial, by one minute and three seconds.

Bernard took only 52 minutes and 14 seconds to cover the 24.1 kilometres (14.9 miles), eclipsing the mark of 53:22 of defending race champion Pedro Delgado of

Soviet rider Vladimir Poulnikov finished second and Philippe Louviot of France was third, 2:41 behind Bernard. Delgado was 4:19 slower than Ber-

Marco Giovannetti of Italy, who has worn the leader's yellow jersey for five days, added 50 seconds to his overall advantage despite rain and wind that whipped him and the other top-ran-ked riders, who were there to race up the mountain to Valdezcaray.

Giovannetti, who increased his lead to 1:31 over the field, was aided by poor performances of some of the riders favoured to win the 22-leg, 3,698-kilometre (2,292 mile) Vuelta, as the race is

Ansemio Fuerte moved from third place to second overall and Pedro Ruiz Cabestany of Spain took third, 1:32 back, Final

 American Andy Bishop raced alone for the final 70 miles (110 km yesterday to win the seventh stage of the Tour De Trump hy more than 3-1/2 minutes.

Bishop, hoping to use this 11-day, 1,100-mile (1,700-km event as an audition for earning another contract with a European powerhouse, took advantage of a strong tailwind to complete the 141 miles (225 km) in 5 hours, 2 minutes, 27 seconds. Another American, amateur

Nate Reiss, outsprinted a strong field to place third behind Philippie Casado of Morocco, Reiss, who took up cycling only five years ago when he was 21, won Sunday's fifth stage and is the only rider with two tep-three finishes in a road race.

Casado thought he was the winner when he crossed the line, holding his hands high, Both Casado and Relss were timed in

Viatcheslav Bbohrik retained the pink jersey as the overall finished in the second pack, 3:39 behind Bishop.

Johnson drug scandal report due out next month

TORONTO, May 9. (Reuter): The Canadian government's long-awaited report on the Ben Johnson Olympic steroid scandal and drug ahuse in sport will likely be made public next month, an official said yesterday.

We expect to have the report in its

final and printed form in the hands of the government in Junc," a spokesman for the report's author Justice Charles Duhin told the Canadian press.

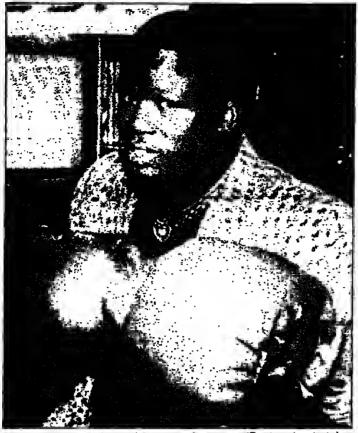
The Dubin Report, based on 91 days of public hearing and testimony from 1 19 witnesses, is expected to prompt sweeping changes in Canadian amateur sport. The judicial inquiry was set up shortly after Johnson tested positive for banned anabolicsteroids at the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and was stripped of his 100

metres gold medal. The sensational nine-month inquiry was highlighted by the testimony of Johnson's coach, Charlie Francis, who revealed widespread drug use in Canadian athletics and the disgraced sprinter's own tearful confessions of longterm steroid use.

Johnson's world records have since

been stricken by the International Amateur Athletics Federation, but his two-year ban from competition ends later this year.

The report must still be translated and printed hefore heing presented in



Douglas poses in front of the new video game. (Reuter wirephoto)

Douglas set to take on Tyson in video market

CHICAGO, May 9, (Reuter): World heavyweight boxing champion James 'Buster,' Douglas said yesterday he has signed a multimillion-dollar agreement to lend his name to a home video game, his first commercial deal since taking the title in a stunning upset of Mike Tyson.

The boxing game will be created by Sega of America Inc. a subsidiary of Japan's Sega Enterprises Ltd. and will put Douglas up against Tyson, who has lent his name to video game marketed by Nintendo.

'We're going to knock Nintendo out of the video game market," Douglas said in a statement released by the company. San Francisco-based Sega of America, which markets the Genesis Video System, said the agreement gives the company exclusive worldwide rights to Douglas in arcade games, portable games and computer software in addition to home video sys-

The company has previously signed pro football superstar San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana and golf legend Arnold Palmer to game deals.

The exact dollar amount of the agreement was not revealed.

Suns stun Lakers

Pistons crush Knicks

son's points came after Portland

built a 20-point lead with 1:41 left

An 11-4 run to end the second

quarter gave Portland a 63-55 hal-ftime lead, then the Blazers took

control of the game with a devas-

Pistons 112, Knicks 77
The Detroit Pistons, the defending National Baskethall Association champions, rolled to

a 112-77 victory over the New

York Knicks in the opener of their

The 77 points last night mat-ched the Pistons' best playoff defensive effort and also was the

lowest total ever for the Knicks in

The Pistons, hidding to become

only the third franchise in history

to repeat as NBA champion, outs-

cored the Knicks 35-15 in the

Isiah Thomas led Detroit with

Patrick Ewing scored 19 points

for New York, hut pulled down

only four rebounds as the Pistons

NBA championship by winning

15 of 17 games, sweeping the Los

Angeles Lakers in the champion-

Miami Heat centre Rony Seik-

aly won the National Basketball

Association's most improved

player award for 1990, the NBA

announced yesterday.
Seikaly, who developed into

one of the League's top reboun-

ders and significantly improved

his scoring during his second professional season, beat out

Indiana Pacers guard Reggie

Seikaly received 37 of a possible

92 votes from a panel of sports

Miller for the award.

Last year, Detroit won its first

outrebounded the Knicks 53-49.

21 points and James Edwards fini-

Eastern Conference playoff.

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INGLEWOOD, California, May 9. (AP): Phoenix ended a 21-game losing streak at the Forum in timely fashion, holding Los Angeles without a field goal in the final 3-1/2 minutes in the opening game of their National Baskethall Association playoff series.

The Suns had not won on the Lakers' court since 1984, and Phoenix coach Cotton Fitzsimmons had never won at the Forum during his NBA career, a span of

37 games going hack 16 years. The Suns, who trailed 84-78 at the start of the fourth quarter, caught the Lakers at 96 on Eddie Johnson's 3-point basket with

A basket and free throw hy Magie Johnson put the Lakers up 99-96, but a left-handed hook by Tom Chambers, a jumper hy Kevin Johnson, a jumper hy Eddie Johnson and a free throw hy Kevin Johnson gave the Suns a 103-101 lead with 1:23 to play.

Mark West, who had 24 points, 16 rebounds and seven blocked shois, made a free throw for a 104-101 lead with 24 seconds left.

The Lakers got within two on Magic Johnson's free throw with four seconds left. He purposely missed his second free throw, but Kevin Johnson rebounded for the Suns and time ran out.

Chambers had 26 points for Phoenix, while James Worthy and Magic Johnson led Los Angeles with 22 each.

Trait Blazers 122, Spurs 112 . Terry Porter and Clyde Drexler keyed a 24-8 third-quarter out-hurst as Portland beat San Antonio for a 2-0 lead in their Western Conference semifinal

Porter finished with 27 points. while Drexler bad 22 as the Blazers won their fifth playoff game in as many tries.

Rodgers fired

BOSTON, May 9, (AP): Jimmy

Rodgers was fired yesterday as coach of the Boston Celtics.

writers and hroadcasters. Miller Terry Cummings scored 33 for was second with 30 votes, followed by Tony Campbell of the San Antonio, and David Rohinson added 31. But 17 of Robin-Minnesota Timberwolves who

Knicks' Maurice Cheeks (right) tries to stop Piston's Islah Thomas. (Reuter wire photo)

The 6-foot 11-inch (2.10 metre) Seikaly raised his scoring average from 10.9 points per game in 1989 to a team-leading 16.6 this season and averaged 10.4 rebounds per game, sixth best in the NBA. He also improved his field goal per

centage from .448 to .502. There are so many aspects I still have to improve on. I'm still

learning," Seikaly said.
"I had a rough Rookie year

ahead of me I could learn from, so I had to learn on my own," added Seikaly. "I'm patient. I'll get better with dmc."
Miller, in his third season in the
NBA, finished eighth in the

because there was no veteran

League in scoring with 24.6 points per game, an improvement of 8.6 points per game, an improvement of 8.6 points over 1989. His 150 successful three-point baskets was third highest in the League.

Dawson takes Cubs to victory Dawson, whose solo homer in the ninth tied the game, hit a two-run shot in the 11th inning to win it as the Chicago Cubs outsing ged the Atlanta Braves 10-8 yes

Mark Grace singled with one out in the 1th off Dwayne Henry (0-1) and Dawson followed with a drive over the centre

owed with a drive over the centrefield fence as the Cubs rebounded after blowing a 5-0 lead.

Dawson tied the game with a
lead off homer in the bottom of
the ninth off Joe Boever after and Atlanta's Jeff Treadway had scored the go-ahead run in the top of the inning on Bill Long's n

wild pitch.
Long (1-0) pitched 2 1-3 scoreless innings for the victory.

Jeff Blauser, who hit two
homers on Monday night, added
a two-run shot in the fifth for wild pitch.

Pirates 10, Padres 2:

Mike Lavalliere and Andy a side Van Slyke homered and Walt Terrell earned his first victory for Pittshurgh as the Pirates won for 8

the 10th time in 12 games.

The Pirates, who lost nine of 12 to Sari Diego last season, are 5-0 against the Padres this year.

Terrell (1-1) allowed two runs a 1 min the first, then benefited from

in the first, then benefited from four double plays over the next in his five innings in improving to 3-0 single lifetime against Sec. lifetime against San Diego. The Padres traded him to the New 3 1001 York Yankees last July and he b. and later signed with Pittsburgh as a ** free agent.

Terrell allowed eight hits.

struck out two and walked two over seven innings. Bob Patter 4 kmm son finished up with two scoreless innings.

Lavalliere and Van Slyke each had three hits and three RBIs. 1 same Wally Backman had three him today Mally Backman had three hits 1 and two RBIs for the Pirates 1 and two RBIs for the Pirates 1 and two RBIs for the Pirates 1 and two Results of the Pirates 1 and two RBIs for the Pirates 1 and th

bases-loaded walk from Rick Reuschel with two outs in the seventh inning to snap a tie as the New York Mets won their fourth a Sunt

Reuschel (2-3) started on three Line Chi days' rest as scheduled starter (199 Mike Lacoss was scratched with 2 Saby a recurring knee injury. He went (to a 3-0 count on McReynolds, and have got a strike, and then threw a kind got a strike, and then threw a kind got a strike to force in the go. pitch inside to force in the go-

ahead run. ahead rum.

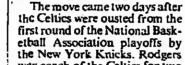
The Mets added two runs of the the eighth on a sacrifice fly by the Gregg Jefferies and an R BI single | W May 9

by Dave Magadan. From w Reuschel, who fell to 14-25 a was ke lifetime against the Mets, all- ismoone owed four hits in 6 2-3 innings

and walked seven. seven innings and allowed four than na hits for the victory. John Franco in the man worked two invitors for his fathers. worked two innings for his Math seventh save in seven opportun-

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first round of the National Basketball Association playoffs by the New York Knicks. Rodgers was coach of the Celtics for two Also fired was assistant Lanny

van Eman, while assistant coach and former Celtics player Chris Ford was being retained, team spokesman Jeff Twiss said.

Rodgers, who replaced K. C. Jones after the 1988 playoffs, had a 94-70 regular-season record.

Smaller helmet suits Mears

INDIANAPOLIS, May 9, (AP): Three-time Indy 500 winner Rick Mears hopes a small step will put him ahead of the competition. Mears says his new, smaller helmet, also used by

some other drivers this year, is "a hig help."
"The other helmet had a lot of lift to it. If I didn't wear a couple shoulder straps under my arms, it would try to choke mc. Or else I'd have to push the strap down with my chin to keep the (helmet) window low enough to see out of it."

"You have to work in small areas to make small gains. We're at a point now where the cars are very good, so it will be difficult to gain any more," Mears

Through yesterday's Indy 500 practice, Mears had a top lap of 224.389 mph (361.042 kphl, slightly faster than the one-lap record of 224.254 mph

(360.824) he set in qualifications a year ago when he became the first five-time pole position starter.

On Saturday, the first of the four days of time trials for the May 27 race, Mears will be a favourite to make it six. His team-mate, defending champion Emerson Fittipaldi, had yesterday's fastest lap at 223.286 mph (359.267 kph). Mears was next at 222.546 (358.076 kph).

"The new cars, everything is so clean now, with the aerodynamics," Mears said of the newly desig-ned Penske race car. "The air is getting tighter and closer around the driver ... so it's starting to affect the driver's head more. Simpson (one of two companies manufacturing the new helmets) spent a lot of time in the wind tunnet with it, testing with it, to come up with a design like that."

Sulayem aims to complete hat-trick

Bin Khalifa looks forward to Jordan Rally

Maktoum is looking forward to the Jordan International Rally. that should take place between May 17-18. With his confidence and enthusiasm, the UAE rising star should make this his first win outside his home turf. The 1990 Middle East Rathy

Championship is made up of six events: Qaiar Rally, Jordan Rally, Kuwait Rally, Oman Rally, Lehanon Rally & Duhai Suhail Bin Khalifa, Mari-

horo's driver and member of the Rallyart team showed off his exceptional skills by winning seven out of the thirteen stages before technical problems forced his early withdrawat from the first round in Qutar. Building on his achievements

and after becoming completely familiar with the Marlboro Mit-subishi Galant VR4, Suhail Bin Khalifa will attempt to raise his standing from a local star to a prominent competitor in the nternational rally scene. Subail believes that the Jordan Rally will be an important turning point which will allow him to prove that the unique combina-tion of himself, his co-pilot Mubarak Al Hajiri and the powerful Musubishi car are worthy of serious consideration.

Marlboro's star driver Sheikh Khalifa praises his Mitsubishi Galant, "It has exceptional performance especially on Middle Eustern roads, and it has proven that ouring the Qatar International Rally.

Last February Marlhoro's star the only driver to have won





Sulayem (left) and Bin Khalifa getting ready for Jordan Rally

the Masali Rally three times in succession, enabling him to keep the cup forever, staged a magnificent victory in the first of the Marlhoro Descri Challenge round held in Dubai. About his achievement in the

Masafi Rally, Suhail says that winning the hat-trick was no easy task but well worth the effort.

Despite the fact that he is only twenty three years old Suhail Bin Khalifa, who has been practising this sport for six years only, has taken the lead in this competitions on the local scene. And now, he is even more set

on drawing international atten-

tion to himself through this season's competitions, regarded as being his first international season outside the Emirates, in an attempt to realise predictions of experts in the field who see him as a driver of the future for the Arab world.

"All of this," says the Marl-boro driver, would not be possible without my co-pilot Muharak Al Hajri whom I consider as a real asset due to his previous experience in numerous other important competitions alongside the likes of Michel Salch and Ahhas Mousawi.

Mcanwhile Middle East champion Mohammed bin Sulayern is aiming to strengthen his grip on the regional title by completing a hat-trick of Jordan.

Partnered by Irishman Ronan Morgan in his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4, the UAE star has every reason to approach the second round of this year's Fisa championship with confidence.

Apart from having won in Jordan in 1987 and 1988, he clinched the first of his 17 international triumphs there back in 1984 and has a special fiking for the event. "I was very disappointed when

the rally was cancelled last year

and I'm delighted that it's back in the championship this time." said Sulayem. "It's a very well organised rally and one of my favourite events.

battles over the years. The route has a lot of variety and tests the driver, as well as his car. "Every time I go to Jordan the people there make me feel at home, and that definitely helps

It's provided me with some great

my preparations."
Sulayem returns to action is the Hashemite Kingdom with his confidence high after his success in the season's opening round in Qatar in February.

His performance in that event when he shrugged off a series of mechanical problems, emphasised his determination to hold on to his middle East crown.

"The title means as much to me now as it ever has," he says. "Winning the opening round of the championship is always important, but with five more railies left there's still a long way

to go.
"There's no such thing as an casy win in the championship these days, and the Jordan Rally promises to be one of the most competitive ever. Myself and Ronan are looking forward to

the challenge."
Sulayem's Winston Toyota is being specially prepared in Amman, It will have a new engine, and the same newlyadpated suspension which carried Sweden's Bjorn Waldegard to victory in the recent World Championship Safart

Rally in Kenya at the wheel of another Celica GT-4.



Australia and England reach hockey World Cup semifinals SYDNEY. May 9. (Reuter): Olympic champions Australia and fourth seeds. England drew 0-0 today to scramble into the semifinals of the women's hockey World Cup and squeeze West Germany out of the last four.

West Germany's 3-1 defeat of Argentina earlier in the day gave the 1981 cham-

pions a great chance of qualifying for the last four.

But they were thwarted by the scoreless draw in a tense pool a game after Australia had missed a first half penalty stroke. I think we layed extremely well but we are very disappointed that we did not capitalise on the chances we made," Aus-

"I now believe we are in with a shout of the medals," England coach Sur-Slocombe said, "We wanted to win the game if possible and the girls were very aggressive and determined." England play defending champions the Netherlands, inp side in Pool B, in

Fridays' semifinals. Neither side was con-ceded a goal in their five preliminary

Australia will stage a replay of the Seoul Olympic final against second seeds South Rorea, the highest scorers in the fournament with 17 goals. The Dutch women continued their impressive form by disposing of Canada 20 in the final Pool B Game. Lisanne

Lejeune scored both goals to become the tournament's highest scorer with six.

The Dutch, who had already qualified, did not overexert themselves but their second goal was memorable. Lejeune noticed Canadian goalminder Deb Whitten off the line and lobbed the ball over her into the net.

England, with more to lose than Australia, were content to defend, relying on close marking to keep the home side out, England, determination was person-ified by left half Kathryn Edwards, who played against doctor's orders after having nine stitches inserted over her left eye following a clash in the previous game against West Germany.

Australia wasted five penalty corners and at least eight good chances in all, the worst offender being forward Sally Carbon, who shot wide from the penalty spot

Auriol wins in Corsica

AJACCIO. Corsica, May 9. (Reuter): French driver Didier Auriol had his Lancia team to thank for carrying ont super-swift mechanical repairs, enabling him to win the Tour of Cor-sica Rally for the third year in a row

Auriol, now firmly in the driving seat for this year's world champion-ship title, dominated the four-day event on the Mediterranean island but found himself staring defeat in the face with four special timed sections to go.

A broken differential on his Luncia Delta Integrale, his first real mechanical problem of the event, reduced his chances to slim despite a the Toyota of Spain's Carlos Sainz.

"It was a hig blow," he said, "I thought right away that I just had to get to the end of the section for repairs and I attacked without

worrying too much about it."

Luckily for him, the mishap occurred not long before a liaison section where he was able to get help. Lancia mechanics then changed the differential in just 21 minutes, a joh which would normally take 45 min-

Their speed allowed Auriol to reach the nex! check point with a time penalty of only 58 seconds, leaving him with a 24-second advantage over the Spaniard going into the final

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"To pult back 24 seconds on the last 65 km is impossible if Didier's Lancia is working all right," Sainz said. There was not enough time and it would have been supplying the unnecessary risks."

Results 1. Didier Auriol (France) Lancia Delta six hours 45 minutes 16

 Carlos Sainz (Spain) Toyota
Celica 36 seconds behind.
 Francois Chatriot (France) BMW M3 3:49. 4. Bruno Sahy (France) Lancia

Delta 5:56. 5: Raimund Baumschlager (Aus-6. Laurent Poggi (France) Citroen

Wrestler killed MOSCOW, May 9, (AP): World champion Soviet wrestler Aslan Khadartsev was killed in a car

crash, Tass reported yesterday. Khadartsev cas 3 world cham-pion in 1983, 1986 and 1987, as well as a three-time European and four-time national light-heavyweight and heavyweight champion, the news agency said. His prother, Makharbek, was a gold-medal winner in the Scoul

The 28-year-old died in a traf-fic accident en route to an airport in Ordzhonikidze in the Caucasus

Swiss hold Argentina

azaroni wants secrecy for team



BERNE, May 9, (Reuter): A last minute goal by Servette Geneva striker Kubilay Turkyilmaz denied World Cup holders Argentina a morale boosting victory in their friendly against Swit-

zerland yesterday.

Turkyilmaz's volley from just outside the penalty box tied the

score at 1-1. A touch of magic from Diego Maradona had led to Argentina taking the lead against the run of play in the 53rd minute.

He beat three defenders in a surging run before passing to Abel Balho, and the Udinese midfielder heat goalkeeper Philipp Walker with a histering 20-metre shot.

Turkyilmaz's goal was no nture than the young, largely inexperienced Swiss side deserved for the dominated long periods of the game.

Argentina, with only one more friendly to play before they begin the defence of their world crown in Italy, again failed to sparkle despite having Maradona at the helm. They have won only five of their last 30 internationals. Maradona worked tirelessly for his side and almost set up a second Argentinegoal in the 65th minute. His pinpoint cross was headed against the bar by second half substitute Gustavo Dezotti. In the first half Maradona was forced to drop back to help out

his hard-pressed defence. Switzerland's best chance of the half fell to Blaise Piffaretti. With the Argentina defence in disarray, he fired a low drive straight at goalkeeper Nery

Pumpido. Brazil's World Cup coach has banned foreign television erews from practice, restricted reporters' access to players and is demanding tighter security to conceal his team's preparation from opponents.

We need more privacy. coach Sebastian Lazaroni said. "If we keep showing everything we're doing, our tactical plan will become vulnerable."

Lazaroni invoked the restrictions at the team's training camp in Tcresopolis, a mountain resort city near Rio, on Monday, the start of the final week of preparation before leaving Brazil. The couch also announced

game Sunday against East Ger-many in Rio. The match is the last before the team leaves May 16 to begin its final preparations

in Spain and Italy. Brazil plays the first round of the Cup in Turin for Group C against Sweden, Scotland and

Costa Rica.
"The team that will face Sweden on June 10 will be defined only the week before," Lazaroni said.

Showing

Sports writers say the increused secrecy was a result of widespread criticism for Brazil's poor showing in a 2-1 exhibition victory against Bulgaria last Saturday in Campinus.

"The game was a lesson," Lazaroni said. "In the Cup, we can't make so many errors, prin-cipally in conclusions. There we'll have to be mortal, because we will never get so many chances to score."

Dunga and Mozer arrived Monday from Europe where they were playing with their club teams, and for the first time the team was to train with 21 of the 22 players listed on its roster.



Waddington Inght, with Football League president Bill Fox outside the parliament. (Reuter wirephoto)

SUPER Royal scored a six-

wicket victory over Royal

Batting first, Royal could only

manage 144 runs in 25 overs. Ali

was the top scorer with 64 while

In reply Super Royal went past

the target for the loss of only four wickets. They completed the required runs in 20 overs. Feroze

was the architect of Super

Royal's victory with 59 runs. He

was named Man of the Match. Amer scored 25, while

Tariq bit 28.

Cricket Club earlier this week.

Super Royal triumph

English League officials rapped

LONDON, May 9. (Reuter): British Home Secretary David Waddington has won public acknowledgement from Football League chiefs that they made a mistake by ignoring police warnings of trouble at a weekend

Waddington, known for his tough stance on law-and-order, called in League executives to demand an urgest explanation of what he called "violent hooliganism," in the southern resort of Bournemouth. Earlier in Parliament, be said 104 people were arrested and 12 police officers seriously injured in clashes coinciding with a match between the local team and Leeds on Saturday.

Waddingtoo noted that police officers asked last June for the date of the match to be changed and warned twice last month there was going to be trouble. "A very serious mistake was made by the Football

League."

The trouble has been seen as a big setback to the hopes of an early return to European competition for English soccer clubs, barred since the 1985 Heysel stadium riot in Brussels when violence by English fans led to the deaths of 39 supporters, mainly Italians.

Dorset police chief Brian Weight said Leeds fans,

many clad in T-shirts with the slogan 'Irwasion of Bournemouth 1990,' "came to start a war." He added: 'I am furious with the arrogant way we were treated. We knew what would happen.

Weight said he would urge the Home Office to give police the right to veto soccer games,

Brazil would not field its regular starting team for an exhibition Diego Maradona

Chesnokov misses German Open

ROME, May 9, (UPI): Top-seeded Martina Navraulova. getong fit on clay before switching to grass for an assault on Wimbledon, flirted briefly with disaster before finally winning a second-round match against Australian out-

sider at the \$500,000 Italian Open championships today. The 33-year-old American, veteran target in a tour-nament populated with teen-age spoilers, managed a third-set fightback to oust 18-year-old Australian Rachel

McQuillan 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, McQuillan, a losing finalist in Brisbane against Soviet Natalia Zvereva this year, came close to her second upset of Navatillova in as many weeks.

Last week in Hamhurg, the Aussic won a set before fading against the eight time Wimhledon champion.

Third-seeded Arantaa Sanchez-Vicario, the French

an easier outing against another Australian. She ousted Kristin Godridge with a quick 6-1, 6-1 formality to gain the third round against Canadian Helen

Navratilova, who will skip the French this month to concentrate on grass for Wumhledon, said the effort on clay was worth it. "I needed the match practice," she said after the I hour 44-minute victory under a sweltering sun. "Clay is my

"If I can do well on it, figure out what shots to hit, then it will help me when I switch over to grass."

The quest for a record ninth Wimhledon crown has become a career obsession for the left-hander, who still believes: "I can win another Grand Slam."

to other second-round contests, 14th seed Sandra Co-chini of Italy defeated Karin Kychwendi of Luxembourg

ousted Argentina's Patricia Tarabini 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 8 Judith Wiesner of Austria and No. 15 Leila

Meskhi of the Soviet Union were both eliminated.

Wiesner lost to Brazil's Andrea Vicira 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 while Mercedes Paz of Argentina stopped Meskhi 6-4, 7-5. Italian Cathy Caversazio, seeded 16th, scored 7-5, 6-2, victory over Julie Halard of France.

Sanchez-Vicano, now working with Navratilova's for-mer coach Mike Estep, pronounced herself fit to defend her title at Roland Garros beginning May 28. "I'm playing at 100 per cent right now," the daughter in Spain's first family of the game said. "I'll be trying to win again in Paris."

again in Paris."

Sanchez, fresh from her first defeat of Navratilova last "She is the only player who can serve and volley like a man," the petit Spaniard said. Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union faces a possible

fine after failing to show up for his match today at the German Open men's tennis lournament. Chesnokov, the No. 8 seed, was slated to face West German wild eard Udo Riglewski in the second round of the \$1 million tournament. Officials replaced Chesnokov

with Sweden's Lars Jonsson when the Soviet failed to appear within the 15-minute deadline. in other second-round action today, fourth-seeded Emilio Sauchez of Spain defeated Fahrice Santoro of France 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, Unseeded Jimmy Arias of the United States beat Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, and Henri Leconte of France downed Jordi Arrese of Spain 6-

Local bridge

RESULTS of the Barclay Cigarette Bridge Tournament (13th week) held at the Regancy on Sunday:

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3. Lollo Murthwaite & Nabil Akel Barclays Cigarella will be hold-ing their first and of the season lourney on Friday, May 18, at 3.00

pm at the Regency premises.
Results of the Messilah Ladies Bridge Club game played on Mon-

1. Khala Khouri & Rima Ayyad 2. Nahil Akel & Lotlo Murthwalla 3. Jamila Akei & Rahah Ahhoushi Messilah Ladies Bridge Club will be holding their end of year four-

nament on Monday, May 21, at 9.00 am at the Messilah premises. Results of the Regency Ladies Bridge Club game played yester-

1. Nahil Akel & Lollo Murthwaite 2. Jamil Akel & Helen Hughes 3. Murshada Azem & Rawaa Mulla. Regency Ladies Bridge Club will

be holding their end of tha year

tourney on Wednesday, May 23, at 9 00 am at the Regency premises

Nadeem hit 17 and Shahid 15. Irfan and Ali took two wickets

Borg wins libel suit STOCKHOLM, Sweden, May 9, magazine Z for \$58,000 for print

(AP): A nine-member jury yesterday ing allegations hy ms former girl-found a magazine guilty of defamation for publishing allegations that ex-tennisstar Bjorn Borg used drugs.

The five-time Wimbledon chamber in a first

The jury's non-hinding declaration came hours after Borg abruptly stormed out of a courtroom in the middle of libel proceedings, saying

the truth is not coming out. The three judges will deliver the formal verdict on Monday. Borg was suing the weekly

after the presiding judge denied his attorney's request to call an unlisted

low morthly instalment

"This is enough for me. I'm leav-ing." Borg said. He rushed past pur-suing reporters and called out, "I do not care what you write."

Italians expect to ban alcohol

ROME, May 9, (Reuter): traly expects to ban alcohol in and around all World Cup football stadiums and on ferries to curb hooliganism, the top security official for the event said yesterday. Interior Ministry under-secretary

Giancario Ruffino told Reuters rival fans would be put on separate ferries and alcohol would be banned for the journey to Sardinia, expected flash-point for violence during the tournament, which begins next month, Ruffino said this had been reques-ted by British Sports Minister Colin

Moynihan, currently visiting Italy, "and we think we will do this." He expected Italy to ban alcohol

nation-wide not only on ferries and in stadiums but also in the areas around

"This is a preventive action which we are studying and which we will see about implementing," Ruffmo said. He said it had not yet been approved by the government but we think we will do this.

Stanley Cup

NEW YORK, May 9, (Reuter): Result of the National Hockey League Stanley Cup semifical playoff game yesterday.

Campbell conference finals Edmonton Oilers 4, Chicago Blackhawks 2 (Best-of-Seven series tied at 2-2)

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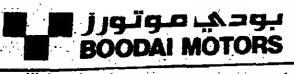
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Gillespie

GLASGOW, May 9, (UPI): Gary Gillespie. Liverpool's injury-dogged defender, received a World Cup boost yesterday when he was named in Scotland's 16-strong squad for the May 16 friendly soccer international against Egypt at Aberdeen.

Gillespie has been given the chance to prove his fitness before national coach Andy Roxburgh names his 22 for the finals in

Roxburgh's assistant, Craig Brown, watched Gillespie at Coventry Saturday.

Liverpool team-mate Steve Nicol is not include because of injury, but is expected to come back into the reckoning as soon as he is fit."

Roxburgh said: "I have named a very tight squad. The 16 are all contenders as I don't have the time for any experiment.

Scotland plays Poland a week on Saturday at Hampden Park and Roxburgh is likely to bring in a couple more players.

Davie Cooper, Mntherwell's 33-year-old winger, is in the squad along with Dundee United full back Maurice Malpas.

The squad for the match against Egypt is:
Bryan Gunn, Andy Goram, Richard Gough, Stewart McK-immie, Alec McLeish, Craig Levein, Gary Gillespie, Maurice Malpas, Paul McStay, Gary McAllister, Stuart McCall, Jim

Bett, Alan McCoist, Maurice Johnston, Gardon Durie, David

Cooper.

Middlesex scrape thrilling win

set to play in friendly Haynes hits another ton

LONDON, May 9, (Reuler): Wesi Indies npener Desmond Haynes struck another superb century as Middlesex squeezed to victory in their Benson and Hedges Cup match against Sussex yesterday after both sides finished on the same score.

Haynes, hnhhling for most of his innings after twisting his knee, was dismissed for 131 as Middlesex chased the Sussex total of 282 far

Needing eight off the final over, Middlesex levelled the scnres when John Emburey scrambled two off the last ball, diving full length to beat Paul Parker's throw from

deep mid-off. With the scores tied, Middlesex won on a faster scoring rate over the first 30 overs. At that stage they were 125 for two compared to Sus-

Haynes, whn needed a runner after hurting his knee when be bad scored 47, hit 13 fnurs from the 155 balls be faced. It was his fifth century in his last nine innings, three of them for Middlesex and twn against England in the recent Test series in the Caribbean.

England captain Grabam Gooch steered Essex into the quar-terfinals of the nne-day competition with an unbeaten 94 to give them a comfortable eight-wicket

win over Nnrthamptonshire. Northants were always struggling for runs after being put in and were dismissed for 167 with nine balls of their 55 overs remaining. Goocb and Brian Hardie out on 82 in 19 overs in reply. Hardie was eventually dismissed far 27 and Paul Prichard for 26, but Essex passed the Nortbants total with more than 16 overs to spare.

Glamorgan paceman Mark Frost, who bad nnt played in a major nne-day game before this season, destroyed favnurites Worcestersbire.

Frost, sacked by Surrey last year, bowled star batsman Graeme Hick for nought as he picked up fnur fnr 25 from 11 nvers. Worcester managed nnly 239 for nine in reply to Glamorgan's 255 for

Results

At Canterbury: Kent beat War-wickshire hy 70 runs. Kent 265 fnr eight innings closed (N. Taylor 90. M. Benson 85, C. Cowdrey 64; G. Small four for 38). Warwickshire 195 in 44.4 nvers (A. Lloyd 72; C. Cowdrey three for 29). Kent two

At Nnrihampton: Essex bear Northamptonshire by eight wick-ets. Northamptonshire 167 in 53.3 overs. (N. Foster three for 18, J. Stephenson three for 22). Essex 168 for twn in 38.3 nvers (G. Gooch 94 not out). Essex twn

At Taunton: Somerset beat Minor Cnunties by six wickets. Minor Cnunties 240 fnr six inhings closed (S. Plumb 63, D. Thomas 49 not out, A. Fothergill 45 not out). Somerset 241 fnr fnur in 51.4 overs tA. Hayhurst 76, R. Harden 53). Somerset twn points.

At Wnrcester: Glamorgan beat Worcestershire by 16 runs. Glamorgan 255 for seven innings closed (A. Butcher 57, H. Morris 57). Worcestershire 239 for nine innings closed (D. D'Oliveira 57, S.

Lampitt 41, N. Radford 40; M. Frost four for 25, S. Barwick fnur for 76). Glamorgan two points.

At Hove: Middlesex beat Sussex overs (Sussex score at 30 overs was 99 for three, Middlesex 125 for two.) Sussex 282 for six innings closed (P. Moores 76, A. Wells 74, C. Wells 59, M. Speight 43). Middiesex 282 for six innings closed (D. Haynes 131, M. Gatting 54, M. Ramprakash 44). Middlesex Iwo

At Old Trafford: Lancashire 142 for two after 27 overs (N. Fair-brother 82 not out, M. Atherton 43 not out) v Hampsbire play resumed today.

At Glasgow: Scotland 115 for four after 37 overs (R. Swan 42 not out) v Nottinghamshire — play resumed today.

At Headingley: Yorkshire 197 for eight innings closed (R. Blakey

65, P. Robinson 57) v Combined Universities — play resumed

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Haynes: takas Middlesex past Sussex

'W. Germany can win Cup

FRANKFURT, West Germany May 9, (AP): Manager Franz Berk embauer, saying he has a bettler soope team now than in 1986, predicts yesterday's that West German could win next month's World Cap.

in Italy.

"Wedid not have a high-class train in 1986. This time we can was its World Cup but the team has to have the same determination that it did in Mexico." Beckenbauer said in a new

spaper interview.

Beckenbauer's team finished second behind Argentina in Mexico finur years ago, losing 3-2 in the final. We have better players this time. But it won't help if we don't have their same determination. Beckenbauer this the Sueddeutsche Zeitung news.

paper. Up tn seven 1986 wurld cup in

Up to seven 1986 world cug in veterans could be in Beckenbauer of final roster.

West Germany, seeking its third world Cup title, will play against we Yugnslavia. Columbia and the United Arab Emirates in the first way.

post of manager after the world cap, indicated that he might take five strikers in Italy.

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Kissinger joins Cup committee

NEW YORK, May 9, (Reuter): Former secretary of state Henry Kissinger, former secretary of the treasury William Simon and Time Warner chief executive officer Steven Ross have joined the board of directors of World Cup '94 organising committee, a committee official announced

"We are delighted that these three world renowned leaders from government and business have accepted positions on our board," said Werner Fricker, chairman of World Cup '94 organising committee, the group responsible for setting up the 1994 World Cup soccer finals in the United States.

Kissinger was chairman and Ross a member of the advisory board of the committee which successfully bid to host the World Cup in the United States the first time. Simon gained valuable experience in major sporting events as president of the USOlympic Committee from 1980-1984.

Smith resigns

LONDON, May 9, (Reuter): Sir John Smith, chairman of Liver-pool soccer club for 17 years, resigned vesterday. He said he was relinquishing

the post for "personal reasons" and because he considered it was time to make way for a new face. Director Noel White will take over from him.

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